Chapter No 06

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Tools and techniques which we are using in our project are as follows:

6.1 Android Programming Language

Android is an open-source mobile operating system developed by Google. It is mainly used to build apps for smartphones and tablets. Android is popular because it is easy to use, supports many features, and works on a wide range of devices.

- Android apps are mostly developed using **Java** or **Kotlin**. Kotlin is a modern and easy-to-use language, while Java has been used since the beginning of Android. Developers use **Android Studio**, which is the official tool for building apps. It provides a code editor, layout designer, and emulator to test apps on different devices.
- Android apps can use phone features like the **camera**, **GPS**, **Bluetooth**, and **sensors**, making the apps more interactive and smart. After development, the apps are saved in **APK** format and can be shared through the **Google Play Store** or installed directly on mobile phones.

6.2 Kotlin Programming Language

Kotlin is a modern, statically-typed programming language developed by JetBrains. It became an official language for Android development in 2017 and is fully supported by Google. Kotlin is designed to be more concise, expressive, and safer than Java, while still maintaining full compatibility with Java code. Its growing popularity among developers is due to its clean syntax and ability to simplify Android development**.**

- **Concise and Safe**:

Kotlin is more concise than Java, meaning developers can write less code to achieve the same functionality. This leads to fewer chances of errors and faster development. It also includes **null safety**, which helps prevent errors related to null references, making apps safer and more reliable

- **Independent and Modern Language**:

Kotlin is a modern language designed for building Android applications with clean and readable code. It supports powerful features like null safety, extension functions, and coroutines, which make development easier and more efficient. Its simple syntax

helps reduce errors and speeds up the coding process, making it ideal for modern mobile app development.

- **Versatile for Back-end Development**:

In addition to Android development, Kotlin can also be used for back-end **development**. It is supported by frameworks like **Ktor** and **Spring Boot**, allowing developers to use Kotlin for both mobile and server-side applications. Its concise syntax and modern features make Kotlin a preferred choice for back-end projects as well.

6.3 Android Studio

Android Studio is the official Integrated Development Environment (IDE) for Android app development. It was developed by Google and launched in 2013. Android Studio provides all the tools developers need to design, build, test, and debug Android applications in one place.

- **Complete Development Tool:**

Android Studio includes features like a code editor, layout designer, and built-in emulator. These tools help developers write code, design user interfaces, and test apps easily without needing extra software. It brings everything together in one platform for a smooth development process.

- **Smart Coding Features:**

It offers smart features like auto-completion, real-time error checking, and helpful code suggestions, which make coding faster and more accurate. Android Studio supports both Java and Kotlin, but in our app development, only **Kotlin** was used for writing the entire code base.

- **Testing and Debugging Tools:**

Android Studio has a built-in emulator to test apps on different virtual devices with various screen sizes and Android versions. It also includes debugging tools that help developers identify and fix issues efficiently, leading to better app performance and user experience.

6.4 Java Development Kit

The Java Development Kit (JDK) is an essential software package used in Android app development. It provides the tools required to write, compile, and run applications within Android Studio. The JDK plays a key role in the background to help Android Studio function effectively during the development process.

- **Required by Android Studio**
  Android Studio depends on the JDK to build and execute Android projects. It

supports essential development tasks such as compiling the code and running the emulator.

- **Includes Useful Tools**
  The JDK comes with several important components like the Java Compiler and Java Runtime Environment (JRE). These tools enable Android Studio to perform key functions related to coding, testing, and running applications.

6.5 XML (Extensible Markup Language)

XML stands for Extensible Markup Language. In Android development, XML is mainly used to design how the app will look. It helps in making the layout of the app, like placing buttons, text, and images on the screen.

- **Used for App Layout Design**
  XML is used to design the screens of the app. With XML, we can easily arrange buttons, text fields, images, and other items where we want them to appear. It keeps the design part separate from the coding part.
- **Easy and Organized Format**
  XML is written using simple tags, which makes it easy to read and understand. Each element is clearly defined, so the layout stays neat and works well on different screen sizes.

6.6 Canva

Canva is a user-friendly online graphic design tool that helps create visual content such as posters, logos, banners, and presentations. It is widely used by students, teachers, developers, and marketers because it does not require any professional design skills. Canva offers a drag-and-drop interface, which makes designing simple and quick. It provides thousands of templates, fonts, icons, and images that users can customize easily. Once the design is ready, it can be downloaded in different formats like PNG, JPG, or PDF, or shared directly through links or social media.

6.7 FireBase real time data

Firebase Realtime Database is a cloud-based database service provided by Google. It allows apps to store and receive data instantly, so when any change happens in the database, it is immediately updated in the app. This makes the app more dynamic and responsive.

- **Live Data Updates**
  Firebase sends updates to the app in real-time. For example, if someone adds or changes data, the app reflects it instantly without needing to reload. This is useful for live features like chats or live status.
- **Easy to Use with Android**
  Firebase is simple to set up with Android Studio and works well with Kotlin. Developers can write short and easy code to store, read, and update data, making the app connected to the cloud smoothly.

6.8 Firebase Authentication

Firebase Authentication is a service provided by Google that helps app developers add secure login and registration features easily. It supports many ways for users to sign in, such as using email and password, Google accounts, or phone numbers. This service takes care of all the security details, so developers don't need to build a login system from scratch. It also works very well with Android Studio and Kotlin, allowing smooth and fast integration of user authentication in Android apps.

6.9 Firebase Storage

Firebase Storage is a cloud service that lets apps upload and store files like images, videos, and documents securely. It is used to keep large files safely in the cloud, so the app does not need to store them on the device. Firebase Storage works smoothly with Android apps and allows easy uploading, downloading, and managing of files. This helps make the app faster and saves device space while keeping users' files accessible anytime.

6.10 Google Map

Google Maps is a service provided by Google that allows apps to show maps and locations to users. It helps in displaying routes, places, and real-time location tracking inside the app. Using Google Maps, developers can add features like navigation, location search, and distance calculation. It works well with Android apps and helps users find places easily and get directions.