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ABSTRACT

The FITLINK project aims to revolutionize personal health management by seamlessly merging the capabilities of a fitness application with the interactive and engaging elements of social media. This innovative application is designed to empower users to meticulously track their health and fitness data while providing a platform for social interaction around shared fitness goals. By focusing on the creation of a supportive and interactive community, FITLINK enhances the motivation and accountability of users, making health management a more connected and social experience. The ability to create personalized accounts allows users to track their progress, set and achieve personal health goals, and, importantly, share these achievements within a community.

At the core of FITLINK is the community-building feature that allows users to form groups based on common fitness interests, goals, or activities. These groups act as hubs for fostering a sense of belonging, offering encouragement, and enabling the sharing of fitness journeys. By leveraging the natural human inclination towards community, FITLINK facilitates a digital space where users can inspire and motivate each other, replicating the camaraderie of physical workout groups. Additionally, the app's workout plan creator empowers users to craft tailored workout regimes, which can be shared within groups for collective inspiration, advice, and a touch of competitive spirit.

The application's competitive edge is further sharpened by a gamification strategy that includes a classification system and leaderboards. Users are rewarded with badges, unlock new levels, and gain visibility on leaderboards, providing a constant stream of motivation and a tangible sense of progress. This gamified approach not only encourages consistent user engagement but also cultivates a competitive yet supportive environment. FITLINK's unique blend of fitness tracking, social connectivity, and gamification positions it as a holistic solution for anyone looking to integrate health management into their lifestyle with the added benefit of community support, making the pursuit of wellness a collective triumph.

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The nexus between social media and personal health management has become a frontier with enormous potential in the quickly changing field of digital health. The current research seeks to provide a novel Application Programming Interface (API) that connects social media sites with personal health efforts.

This project aims to support a community-driven approach to health and wellbeing by utilizing the widespread impact and presence of social networks such as Facebook, LinkedIn, and WhatsApp. Social media's widespread use has drastically changed how people communicate, exchange information, and affect one another. At the same time, people's interest in and knowledge of their own personal fitness, wellbeing, and health are expanding. Nonetheless, there is frequently a gap between social media use and actions related to health.

This initiative is based on the theory that social networks may be strong catalysts for encouraging healthy lives if they are used wisely. The API will turn personal health initiatives into a fun and interactive experience by allowing users to join friends and acquaintances in health challenges, such as averaging a specific amount of steps per month or adopting good eating habits.

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LITERATURE SURVEY

2.1 An Incentive Mechanism Design for Socially Aware Crowdsensing Services with Incomplete Information

2.1.1. Introduction

The field of crowdsensing has transformed from sensor-driven systems to socially-aware services, involving human participation in the collection and sharing of data. Socially-aware crowdsensing, found in domains like healthcare, travel, leisure, and entertainment, has become increasingly popular. This literature review delves into the core concepts of socially-aware crowdsensing, underscoring the impact of social network effects on user behavior and examining the pivotal role of incentive mechanisms in fostering sustainable and profitable crowdsensing services.

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This literature review offers insights into the dynamic realm of socially-aware crowdsensing, underscoring the impact of social network effects and incentive mechanisms. The proposed Bayesian game-theoretic model tackles challenges related to incomplete information, providing a framework for optimizing strategies for both service providers and users. Future research directions should explore security considerations in designing incentive mechanisms for socially-aware crowdsensing.

2.2 Wearable Health Technology and Electronic Health Record Integration: Scoping Review and Future Directions

2.2.1 Introduction

Electronic Health Record (EHR) adoption, which traces its origins to the 1960s, experienced a surge in acceptance following the passage of the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act in 2009. From 2001 to 2011, the utilization of EHR systems by physicians rose significantly from 18% to 57%. Policies such as Meaningful Use played a crucial role in encouraging continued EHR adoption, resulting in nearly 87% of office-based physicians adopting EHR systems by 2015. Leading EHR vendors include Epic, Cerner, and Meditech within healthcare systems.

Legislation supporting meaningful use not only accelerated EHR adoption but also propelled the ongoing development of EHR capabilities to enhance the patient experience. Health systems now heavily rely on these capabilities, including secure messaging with patients and features allowing them to view, download, and transmit

their EHR. These capabilities are increasingly prevalent, facilitating streamlined patient data exchanges with healthcare providers.

Health systems have also introduced innovative capabilities, such as integrating EHRs with medical devices, including wearable health and fitness tracking devices. Early device integration focused on basic vital signs, but the scope of patient data has expanded rapidly as health systems aim to meet new standards, care models, and leverage advancements in digital technologies.

The primary focus of this review was to capture a snapshot of the rapidly evolving field of patient data integration into the EHR. Specifically, the review examined health systems and organizations utilizing patient data collected through consumer-grade wearable devices to track and enhance patient outcomes.

2.2.2 Availability and Adoption of Wearable Devices

Wearable devices, encompassing wristbands, smartwatches, mobile sensors, and other medical devices, collect diverse data, including blood sugar levels, exercise routines, sleep patterns, and mood. Patient data is collected through consumer reporting or passively through sensors in apps communicating with devices via application programming interfaces (APIs). Data is then shared through aggregators like Apple's HealthKit.

A substantial percentage of US adults express willingness to use technology tracking their health statistics, according to a survey by Accenture. Integration platforms such as Google Fit and Apple HealthKit are expected to contribute to the growing number of health-wearable users in the coming years. The rise in device usage suggests a corresponding increase in available patient data for health management. Large health systems are likely to incorporate wearables into preventative care strategies by monitoring vital signs.

Currently, there are over 400 EHR-compatible devices on the market, with this number expected to rise exponentially in the future.

Wearable devices have the potential to assist in managing chronic conditions like diabetes, heart conditions, and chronic pain. Studies on the clinical impact of wearables on patient health outcomes yield varied results, with some reporting improved subjective outcomes. However, further studies are necessary for a clearer assessment of wearable health technology's clinical impact.

2.2.3 Purpose of the Paper

This paper conducted a scoping review of the wearable health technology field to provide an overview of current innovations in EHR integration. The review utilized internet search engines, database searches, and information from Epic's UserWeb portal to identify organizations leading in wearable health technology and their partnerships.

2.2.4 Methods

The search process involved a scoping process to survey existing efforts, with a focus on Epic clients. Inclusion criteria included postings after June 2017 with responses to topic threads and specific search terms related to wearable technology.

2.2.5 Results

The challenges of wearable device integration include concerns about patient privacy, system interoperability, and managing the vast amount of patient data. Despite the potential to transform patient care, these challenges must be addressed for widespread adoption of wearables.

2.2.6 Conclusion

Wearable health technology has the potential to revolutionize patient care, but challenges related to privacy, interoperability, and data management must be addressed for widespread adoption. Protecting patient confidentiality and privacy through HIPAA compliance and informed consent are critical aspects of successful implementation. Future research and innovations are needed to ensure the safe and effective integration of wearable health technology into EHRs.

The integration of patient data from wearable devices into health technology is a relatively recent development, and health systems currently lack the necessary platforms to efficiently pull continuous streams of data from different patient devices for integration into the Electronic Health Record (EHR). The existing methods employed by device and EHR vendors involve distinct, proprietary, and closed communication methods, leading to challenges in system interoperability and creating subsets of less valuable data.

To address this barrier, researchers are striving to achieve plug-and-play interoperability, similar to standards in consumer electronics, emphasizing ease of use, device compatibility, and scalability between different vendors. Third-party applications have emerged to address interoperability issues, and increased partnerships between these applications and health systems are crucial for achieving high interoperability and streamlined communication between EHR platforms, patient devices, and healthcare providers. These collaborations aim to enhance healthcare efficiency, ensure safer transitions of care, and reduce overall healthcare costs.

2.2.7 Patient Information and Data Overload

The integration of wearable health technology into the EHR generates a vast amount of data that requires compilation and interpretation. Storing these daily patient data streams poses a challenge for health systems unprepared to host a constantly growing database. The decisions surrounding the life cycle of this data and its integration into provider workflows are unique challenges, particularly in processing large volumes of data from devices like Apple Health and PulseOn Android apps.

The overwhelming volume of data necessitates solutions to sift through it efficiently. Machine learning and artificial intelligence (AI) algorithms are potential solutions, but current algorithms often lack real-world adaptability. Successful solutions should automatically deliver meaningful and actionable information to providers, addressing the issue of alert fatigue.

A user-friendly interface for providers is essential for successful implementation, leading to an increasing trend of incorporating user experience and UI designers into cross-functional information technology (IT) teams within healthcare organizations.

This multidisciplinary approach aims to improve UIs and enhance providers' ability to comprehend wearable patient data, ultimately improving efficiency and the quality of care.

2.2.8 Innovations in Wearable Health Technology

In response to these challenges, health systems and organizations are adopting a user-centered design approach to adapt workflows and collaborate with third-party applications for better integration of remote patient data. Several healthcare providers have initiated projects with prominent wearable brands, such as Apple Health, Google Fit, Fitbit, Nokia, and Withings, aiming to connect directly to EHRs. However, EHRs still face challenges in connecting to many other devices, necessitating the development of new solutions to address interoperability and data visualization.

A range of start-ups has emerged to tackle challenges in wearable health technology, forming partnerships with health systems to improve data collection, synthesize actionable information for providers, and create personalized experiences for patients. Additionally, insurance companies, including Oscar Health, United Healthcare, Humana, and John Hancock, are encouraging wearable health technology adoption through incentive programs. These programs gamify health goals, offering rewards to customers for achieving milestones, thereby supporting the growth of wearable health technologies and enhancing patient health.

2.2.9 Limitations

The report acknowledges limitations in its Epic-centric approach, as it did not access other internal EHR portals. The limited number of health systems actively publicizing their work and the use of different names for integration methods may result in an incomplete list. The rapidly changing nature of wearable health technology may have introduced new entities not covered in the study.

2.2.10 Conclusions

Wearable health technology is poised to play a crucial role in patient care and chronic condition management. Efficient data movement from patients to providers is essential for improving patient care and empowering individuals to manage their health. As the field continues to evolve, ongoing analysis of best practices, challenges, and potential solutions is necessary. The report aims to serve as a foundational resource for identifying entities in the wearable health technology field and offering insights into implementation and workflows for organizations in the healthcare industry. Future studies are expected to build on these findings as wearable health technology continues to advance.

2.3 Just a Fad? Gamification in Health and Fitness Apps

2.3.1 Introduction

In recent times, there has been a notable increase in the incorporation of gamification elements within the health app industry, signaling a growing interest in utilizing game design to influence health-related behaviors. Despite this observable trend, there is a noticeable gap in comprehensive reviews exploring the interplay between gamification elements, health behavior constructs, and the extent to which gamification is prevalent in health apps. This literature review aims to bridge this gap by amalgamating existing research and offering insights into the utilization of gamification in health and fitness apps.

2.3.2 Mobile Phone Technology and Health Behavior Change

The advent of mobile phone technology has opened avenues for inventive interventions targeting health behavior change. Mobile apps, capable of gathering personal health data and delivering timely behavioral prompts, have become central in the dissemination of health interventions. The widespread adoption of health apps, evident through significant download numbers and market expansion, underscores their potential impact on public health.

2.3.3 Gamification: Definition and Adoption

Coined in 2008, "gamification" entails integrating game design elements into non-game contexts. This approach has been widely embraced in the commercial world, including the health sector, as a strategy to heighten user engagement and sustain desired behaviors. However, despite its rapid adoption, there remains a noticeable dearth of empirical evidence concerning the effectiveness of gamification in achieving health-related outcomes.

2.3.4 Methodology and Sample Selection

This literature review draws insights from a study conducted in the winter of 2014, analyzing 132 health and fitness apps centered around physical activity and diet from the Apple App Store. The analysis focused on ten effective game elements, six core components of health gamification, and 13 core health behavior constructs. The study brought to light the widespread integration of gamification principles but also

underscored a lack of adherence to professional guidelines or industry standards.

2.3.5 Gamification Components and Health Behavior Constructs

The review pinpoints prevalent gamification components within the analyzed apps, such as leaderboards, levels, digital rewards, real-world prizes, competitions, and social or peer pressure. Additionally, it delves into the interconnection between game elements, gamification components, and health behavior constructs. The results indicate a correlation between game elements and gamification, underscoring the necessity for a more in-depth exploration of these relationships.

2.3.6 Descriptive Statistics and App Characteristics

Descriptive statistics derived from the study disclose that a majority of the apps are tailored for physical activity, with social or peer pressure emerging as the most frequently employed gamification element. Despite the widespread incorporation of gamification, the literature highlights the absence of a definitive industry standard, prompting concerns regarding its potential impact on the effectiveness of behavior change interventions.

2.3.7 Conclusion and Future Directions

In summary, this literature review presents a thorough overview of the current landscape of gamification in health and fitness apps. The findings illuminate the popularity of gamification while also drawing attention to the industry's deviation from professional guidelines. Future research endeavors should prioritize evaluating the efficacy of gamification in achieving health behavior change outcomes and establishing industry standards to guide developers and health practitioners.

2.4 Integrating Health and Fitness Data from Wearable Devices: A Comprehensive Literature Review

2.4.1. Introduction

Wearable devices have gained significant popularity, with approximately 50% of individuals in developed countries using them for fitness and health monitoring. This literature review explores the diverse landscape of commercial wearable devices, emphasizing the importance of fitness trackers as cost-contained electronic bracelets

that provide valuable health-related measurements. Despite their widespread adoption, the heterogeneity of data from various sources poses challenges for effective data sharing and integration.

2.4.2 Data Heterogeneity in IoT Health and Fitness Datasets (Section 2)

The review addresses the pervasive issue of data heterogeneity in Internet of Things (IoT) health and fitness datasets. The lack of standardized formats across different devices from various manufacturers impedes seamless data sharing and integration. This section emphasizes the need to tackle data heterogeneity as a crucial challenge to fully realize the potential of health data.

2.4.3 Virtual Integration Approach Using RDF Graphs (Section 3)

To overcome data silos and facilitate efficient data sharing, the literature proposes a virtual integration approach using Resource Description Framework (RDF) graphs. This section outlines the methodology for converting heterogeneous IoT raw data into RDF graphs, allowing for structured storage and public accessibility through a SPARQL endpoint. The benefits of this approach include improved scalability and interlinking of data.

2.4.4 Validity and Reliability of Fitness Trackers (Section 4):**

Addressing concerns about the robustness of health and fitness data, this section delves into the importance of assessing the validity and reliability of fitness trackers. With a focus on medical applications such as post-traumatic rehabilitation and cancer prediction, the review highlights the lack of standardized testing protocols and experimental methodologies. It calls for an overview of methodologies and gold standards for accurate validity assessments.

2.4.5 Semantic Web Technologies for Data Integration (SW Technologies)

The review explores the role of Semantic Web (SW) technologies in addressing data heterogeneity. Ontologies, as a key component of SW, play a crucial role in expressing concepts and relationships in a structured and formal manner. Existing solutions, such as Apple Health, Google Fit, MyFitnessCompanion, and MELLO, are discussed with a focus on their limitations in achieving true interoperability.

2.4.6 Resource Graph Integration Using RML (Section 7)

A detailed examination of the RDF Mapping Language (RML) is provided, showcasing its role in mapping heterogeneous resources into RDF graphs. The section includes examples of RML triples maps, illustrating how the mapping process converts data from different IoT vendors into a standardized RDF format. This method simplifies the development of mapping specifications and enhances data scalability.

2.4.7 Conclusion and Future Opportunities (Section 8)

The literature review concludes by emphasizing the immense potential of self-tracked health information collected through IoT devices. It highlights the proposed virtual integration approach as a viable solution to address existing challenges. The review also suggests that overcoming obstacles, maximizing benefits, and sharing knowledge can lead to advancements in medical applications, particularly in fields like Oncology.

2.4.8 Acknowledgments and Funding

The review acknowledges contributions from individuals and institutions and highlights funding sources supporting the research. It expresses gratitude for valuable opinions from professionals in the fitness tracking domain and notes external funding received for the study.

This comprehensive literature review provides a thorough examination of the current state of wearable device data integration, emphasizing challenges, proposed solutions, and future opportunities in the realm of health and fitness monitoring.

2.5 Harnessing Social Media for Health Promotion and Behavior Change

2.5.1 Introduction

The literature extensively explores the role of social media, often dubbed the "participative Internet," as a dynamic platform for health promotion. This review delves into the current landscape of social media applications in health promotion, investigating their potential to engage diverse audiences, empower individuals, and instigate behavioral changes. It addresses fundamental queries regarding the types of

social media employed in health promotion, the characteristics of social media users seeking health information, and the overall impact of these platforms on health knowledge, behaviors, and outcomes.

2.5.2 Diversity in Social Media for Health Promotion

Social media encompasses a broad spectrum of online tools, including social networking services (e.g., Facebook, MySpace), microblogging platforms (e.g., Twitter), wikis, blogs, and mobile messaging. These collectively form the core of "Web 2.0 social media," distinguished by interactivity and collaborative content sharing. Health promotion professionals recognize the potential of these platforms in reaching diverse audiences and empowering consumers in health-related interactions.

2.5.3 Social Media Audiences and Information Preferences

Existing literature underscores that a substantial portion of the population, spanning age, ethnicity, and income brackets, leverages the Internet for health information. Social media, particularly online health forums, emerges as a valuable resource for around 34% of online health information seekers. Tailoring effective health promotion messages necessitates an understanding of the preferences and information-seeking behaviors across different demographic groups.

2.5.4 Influence on Health Knowledge, Behavior, and Outcomes

Research on the effectiveness of social media in health promotion suggests positive outcomes, particularly in enhancing knowledge and understanding of specific health topics. Behavioral change theories play a pivotal role in designing successful interventions, emphasizing the significance of theory-driven approaches. Studies indicate that web-based interventions effectively encourage health improvement and foster behavior change.

2.5.5 Customizing Messages and Adapting Content

Tailoring messages for specific audience segments, repurposing content across diverse platforms, and utilizing multiple complementary delivery modes are recognized as effective strategies. The customization of messages based on individual preferences and the use of tailored text messages are highly effective in promoting interaction and inducing behavior change.

2.5.6 Evaluation of Social Media Interventions

The review underscores the importance of robust evaluation frameworks for assessing the impact of social media interventions. The widely-used RE-AIM framework for evaluating population-based impacts is recommended. Challenges related to selecting and applying appropriate metrics, tracking user engagement, and assessing the cost-effectiveness of social media interventions are acknowledged.

2.5.7 Challenges and Future Directions

Despite the promising role of social media in health promotion, challenges such as information overload, sustaining user engagement, and defining meaningful metrics persist. The review emphasizes the need for a deeper understanding of user behaviors, motivations, and the cost-effectiveness of social media interventions. Staying abreast of evolving social media trends and technologies is crucial for optimizing the impact of these platforms on public health. Ongoing research and evaluation will contribute to refining strategies and maximizing the potential of social media for health promotion and behavior change.

2.6 Mining Social Media and Web Searches For Disease Detection

2.6.1 Introduction:

Social media has revolutionized the healthcare industry's communication with patients, utilizing platforms like Twitter and Facebook to create and maintain social networks. These platforms, also known as Social Networking Sites (SNS), provide open spaces for users to share commentary and content. The surge in SNS usage from 2005 to 2009 prompted exploration of new opportunities to leverage social media for improving population health. Access to timely and credible health information is crucial for public health outcomes, outbreak response, and illness prevention. The increased use of the Internet, facilitated by computers and mobile devices, presents an avenue for delivering valuable health information directly to users. Social media platforms, along with web searches, offer insights into emerging health trends, reducing the time between health events.

Web-based social media is increasingly integrated into various healthcare settings, with large hospital networks using platforms for patient support, health conferences utilizing Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube for information dissemination, and health institutes engaging with communities through social media. This shift to online communication has transformed information-seeking behaviors, with search engines and social media becoming primary sources for health information. Analyzing web searches has become a tool for early detection of infectious diseases, offering a quicker response time than traditional reporting methods.

Analysis of User Searches for Infectious Disease Intelligence and Surveillance:
The rapid identification of infectious disease outbreaks is crucial for effective public health responses. Web-based surveillance technologies, such as Canada's Global Public Health Intelligence Network, have demonstrated the potential to predict and identify outbreaks early. Social media-based models, tracking infectious disease trends in real time, provide valuable insights for prediction, observation, and harm minimization during outbreaks. Studies, such as Eysenbach's 2006 research on flu-related searches, have explored the use of web analytics to predict outbreaks, demonstrating the potential of internet search data in early detection.

While traditional surveillance methods rely on hierarchical communication, web-based analytics offer a more timely and consolidated approach, complementing traditional intelligence sources. Social media analytics have given public health professionals an early understanding of the emergence and spread of infectious diseases.

2.6.2 Identifying Potential Networks of Disease Communicability within Wired Social Networks:

Social media and web searches contribute to identifying individuals within networks for targeted vaccinations, aiding in disease prevention. During the H1N1 pandemic in 2009, social networking methodologies predicted the flu epidemic's peak among college students. Social networks, along with social media and web searches, play a crucial role in understanding disease progression patterns and determining optimal vaccination strategies.

Analysis of User-Generated Content (Blogs) Toward Predicting Outbreaks:

Blogs, a form of social networking, provide a platform for users to share information, and data mining of blogs for flu surveillance offers a unified voice for disease reporting. Efforts to estimate flu prevalence have evolved beyond diagnosed cases, incorporating blog data to enhance traditional epidemiological models. Tools like Spinn3r and Subdue aid in processing and analyzing blog content, correlating trends with CDC ILI reports. While blogosphere mining faces challenges like sample bias and potential misinformation, it complements traditional studies, offering a holistic approach to disease tracking.

2.6.3 Conclusion:

Web-based technologies, including social media, web searches, and blogs, have transformed the landscape of infectious disease surveillance and prediction. These platforms provide valuable data for early detection, real-time tracking, and targeted interventions. While challenges such as data accuracy and privacy concerns exist, the benefits of incorporating web-based intelligence into traditional methodologies outweigh the risks, fostering a more accessible and participatory approach to public health initiatives.

2.7 Efficacy of a mobile social networking intervention in promoting physical activity: Quasi-experimental study

The study outlined in the provided text aims to investigate the effectiveness of an intervention package, comprising a mobile app linked to a wearable tracker, in enhancing physical activity. This research addresses the critical need for interventions to combat insufficient physical activity levels, considering its well-established connection to preventing chronic diseases and premature death. The study is framed within the context of behavioral informatics interventions, which leverage technology to facilitate behavior change, focusing on the integration of social networking, mobile health technologies, and wearable trackers.

2.7.1 Behavioral Informatics Interventions:

The introduction emphasizes the increasing popularity of behavioral informatics interventions, utilizing health information technology to foster behavior change. The importance of incorporating behavior change theories, models, and techniques is highlighted to understand the causal mechanisms influencing behavior. The study aligns with this approach by integrating various behavior change techniques, such as self-monitoring, social support, and social comparison, into the intervention.

2.7 Role of Social Networks in Physical Activity:

The literature review underscores the significance of social factors in health-related behaviors, emphasizing the influence of existing social networks on individual health behavior. Previous research has demonstrated that social support and social comparison within networks positively impact physical activity levels. Leveraging online social networks for intervention delivery is suggested as a promising avenue due to their potential to reach a large audience.

2.7.3 Integration of mHealth and Social Networks:

The study builds on previous research by exploring the combined effects of mobile health (mHealth) technologies, including mobile apps and wearable trackers, and online social networks in promoting physical activity. While existing studies have often examined these components in isolation, the current research aims to bridge this gap by integrating mHealth technologies and social networking within a mobile app.

2.7.4 Research Gap and Objectives:

The text identifies a research gap where interventions combining mHealth technologies and social networks are not thoroughly explored, especially when integrated within a mobile app. The primary objectives of the study include assessing the intervention's efficacy in promoting physical activity, understanding participant engagement, and evaluating the usability of the mobile app.

2.7.5 Study Design and Ethical Considerations:

The study adopts a pre-post quasi-experimental design with a single-arm, focusing on a 6-month intervention period. Ethical considerations are discussed, highlighting the approval granted by the ethics committee and the adherence to ethical guidelines throughout the study.

2.7.6 Intervention Components:

The intervention bundle consists of a mobile app, a wearable tracker, and additional prompts through SMS text messages and emails. The mobile app, named fit.healthy.me, integrates behavior change techniques, such as self-monitoring, social support, and social comparison. The Fitbit Flex 2 wearable tracker is wirelessly synced with the app, enabling continuous self-monitoring of physical activity.

2.7.7 Outcome Measures:

Primary outcome measures include the difference in daily step count between baseline and 6 months, measured using the Fitbit Flex 2. Secondary outcome measures encompass engagement with the intervention and the usability of the mobile app.

2.7.8 Participant Characteristics and Recruitment:

The study enrolled 55 participants, predominantly university students and staff. Recruitment occurred through purposive sampling techniques, with eligibility criteria ensuring participants' ability to understand and participate in the study. The text highlights participant characteristics, smartphone usage, and the prevalence of social media and fitness apps among participants.

2.7.9 Limitations and Future Directions:

The text acknowledges limitations, such as the non-statistically significant increase in average daily step count for the entire sample. Subgroup analyses suggest a more significant impact on less physically active subgroups. The study emphasizes the importance of addressing challenges faced by physically inactive individuals and proposes future research to explore users' perspectives on engagement factors.

In conclusion, the presented literature review provides a comprehensive overview of the study's background, contextualizing it within the broader landscape of behavioral informatics interventions, the role of social networks in promoting physical activity, and the integration of mHealth technologies. The study's objectives, design, intervention components, outcome measures, and participant characteristics are thoroughly presented, contributing to a clear understanding of the research context and setting the stage for the subsequent sections of the paper.

2.8 Evaluating the Effectiveness of Gamification on Physical Activity: Systematic Review and Meta-analysis of Randomized Controlled Trials

2.8.1 Introduction:

Physical inactivity and sedentary behavior contribute significantly to global mortality, with over 5 million deaths annually attributed to physical inactivity. Conversely, regular physical activity (PA) is known to prevent chronic diseases, limit their progression, and reduce premature mortality. Sedentary lifestyle, measured by total daily sedentary time, exhibits a dose-response relationship with overall mortality. Recent studies suggest that high levels of PA may mitigate or eliminate the adverse effects of sedentary behavior on mortality. To address this issue, there is a need for effective interventions to promote PA, with digital health interventions, particularly gamification, emerging as promising avenues.

Gamification involves integrating game design elements into non-game contexts to make interventions more engaging. By incorporating game mechanisms into activities devoid of them, gamification aims to motivate individuals to participate in PA. This study explores the potential of gamified interventions to influence psychological and physical outcomes, focusing on behavior change related to PA. Unlike serious games, which are complete video games designed for educational or health purposes, gamification is open to diverse modes of engagement and applicable to various aspects of daily life.

However, existing literature reviews on gamification in behavioral interventions yield inconsistent results, with some studies showing positive effects and others

reporting mixed outcomes. These reviews highlight the scarcity of high-quality studies and the necessity for more rigorous trials, specifically randomized controlled trials (RCTs). Additionally, there is a suggestion that the effects of gamification may be smaller under rigorous experimental conditions. Despite these uncertainties, no meta-analysis has been conducted to date. This study aims to fill this gap by quantifying the effect size of gamified interventions and identifying potential moderators influencing their effectiveness.

2.8.2 Study Objectives:

This systematic review and meta-analysis seek to address three research gaps:
Evaluate the effect of gamified interventions on PA and sedentary behavior. Assess the long-term or sustained effects of gamified programs to determine their health relevance. Evaluate the generalizability of gamification across different populations.

2.8.3 Methods:

The study adheres to PRISMA guidelines and is pre-registered on PROSPERO. A systematic literature search was conducted in five electronic databases from January 1, 2010, to December 31, 2020. Eligible studies include RCTs targeting the general population, incorporating digital interventions with gamification elements, and comparing gamified interventions with control groups. Outcome measures focus on changes in total or leisure PA and sedentary behavior, objectively or subjectively measured.

Screening, data extraction, and risk of bias assessment were performed independently by two authors, with disagreements resolved through discussion or consultation with a third author. A qualitative review synthesizes key elements of the studies, and a quantitative meta-analysis is conducted using random-effects models, addressing potential heterogeneity and publication bias. Sensitivity and subgroup analyses are employed to explore sources of heterogeneity and assess the impact of moderators on effect sizes.

2.8.4 Conclusion:

This study aims to provide a comprehensive evaluation of the impact of gamified interventions on PA and sedentary behavior, considering both short-term and long-term effects across diverse populations. The systematic review and meta-analysis methodology employed ensure transparency, reproducibility, and robustness in assessing the effectiveness and potential moderators of gamified interventions in promoting physical activity.

2.9 Mobile Apps for Health Behavior Change: Protocol for a Systematic Review

2.9.1 Introduction

The landscape of healthcare is undergoing a digital transformation, with a significant focus on engaging patients in managing their health. This shift towards digital interventions gained momentum after the release of the first smartphone (iPhone) in 2008. Patient engagement is now a key area of healthcare research, playing a crucial role in preventative healthcare. Recent studies have explored the use of digital technologies, such as apps, texting, emails, and interactive chatbots, to enhance specific health behaviors. These behaviors encompass a wide range, including lifestyle choices, managing health conditions, and preventive measures like vaccinations and sun protection.

Despite the proliferation of thousands of internet and mobile-based interventions, there is a concern that many lack a foundation in behavior change theories or proper evaluation of their effectiveness. Smartphones, due to their widespread ownership and computing power, have emerged as a promising platform for targeted health interventions. They can collect various health-related data, connect patients with healthcare providers, and deliver interventions to improve health behaviors. However, a significant portion of current interventions lacks theoretical underpinnings, and their effectiveness remains inadequately assessed, creating an opportunity for improvement in promoting and sustaining positive health behavior changes.

While existing systematic reviews on mobile health (mHealth) interventions exist, they often focus narrowly on specific health behaviors, patient groups, or a combination of both. This review aims to address this gap by providing an updated and expanded overview of the current state of mobile health apps, evaluating their effectiveness, exploring the behavior change techniques employed, and assessing patient perceptions.

2.9.2 Methods

The review follows the Population, Intervention, Comparator, and Outcome framework along with the Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analyses Protocols (PRISMA-P). The eligibility criteria include individuals of any age who have interacted with the healthcare system using digital interventions. The focus is on mobile apps targeting positive health behaviors. The review will not specifically require a comparator, and outcomes include behavior change effectiveness, technology adoption and adherence rates, patient-reported experience, and the coherence of technology with behavior change techniques.

The search strategy involves databases such as Medline, Embase, CINAHL, and Web of Science, using specific terms related to digital health technologies, mobile phones, mobile apps, health behaviors, and evaluation. The inclusion criteria cover studies published between 2014 and 2019, with a primary focus on randomized controlled trials (RCTs). Exclusion criteria involve studies not published in English, those not centered on health behaviors, and interventions designed for healthcare professionals. Screening and article selection will involve two independent reviewers, and data extraction will focus on predetermined outcomes.

2.9.3 Questions and Analysis

The review aims to address three main research questions: the effectiveness of mobile health apps in improving and maintaining positive health behavior changes, the types of behavior change techniques used, and patient perceptions of app feasibility and functionality.

Data analysis and synthesis will likely involve a descriptive approach due to anticipated heterogeneity in study aims, methods, and outcomes. The effectiveness of health behaviors and patient health outcomes will be categorized as having no, some, or significant evidence. A discussion will provide insights into the current state of mobile health apps, their feasibility, usability, effectiveness, use of behavioral change techniques, and suggest directions for future research.

2.9.4 Results

As of November 2019, the systematic review has been completed and is currently under peer review for publication.

2.9.5 Discussion

The systematic review aims to offer a transparent understanding of the current landscape of mobile health apps, their usage, and impact. Strengths, limitations, and implications for the intersection of technology and behavioral health management will be discussed to inform and enhance the development, acceptability, and effectiveness of future mobile health apps. The discussion will delve into conclusions drawn from the data, limitations of the review, and crucial directions for future research. Acknowledgements are given to the outreach librarian Liz Callow for assistance in developing search terms and reviewing the search strategy, and support is acknowledged from grants provided by EIT Health.

2.10 The influence of social networking sites on health behavior change: A systematic review and meta-analysis

2.10.1 Abstract:

This review aims to assess the utilization and effectiveness of interventions that leverage social networking sites (SNSs) to induce shifts in health behaviors. Employing predefined criteria, the study systematically examines relevant literature, focusing on patients/consumers, incorporating SNS interventions, possessing outcomes related to health behavior change, and featuring prospective designs. The selected studies undergo rigorous screening and assessment using Cochrane's 'risk of bias' tool, and, when applicable, are synthesized through meta-analysis.

2.10.2 Background and Significance:

The widespread adoption of social networking sites (SNSs) globally has created web-based platforms enabling individuals to establish personal profiles and connect with others. With platforms like Facebook and Twitter gaining popularity and the emergence of health-specific SNSs, there is growing interest in utilizing these platforms for promoting health behavior change. Given the significant impact of lifestyle behaviors on non-communicable diseases, there is a heightened focus on exploring the potential of SNSs for public health interventions in the behavioral domain.

2.10.3 Objective:

The primary objective of this study is to systematically review the existing literature on the utilization and effectiveness of SNSs in driving health behavior change.

2.10.4 Methods:

A meticulous search of the literature from the past ten years was conducted across five databases, employing search terms related to social media, SNSs, and health behavior change. The search strategy also encompassed reviewing conference proceedings and pertinent tweets from key opinion leaders. Adhering to the PRISMA statement, the study is registered with PROSPERO.

2.10.5 Results:

The database search yielded 4656 citations, with 12 studies (involving 7411 participants) meeting inclusion criteria. Facebook emerged as the most utilized SNS, followed by health-specific SNSs and Twitter. A meta-analysis of eight randomized controlled trials unveiled a positive impact of SNS interventions on health behavior outcomes (Hedges' g 0.24; 95% CI 0.04 to 0.43). However, the presence of considerable heterogeneity and the predominant evaluation of multi-component interventions posed challenges in isolating the specific influence of SNSs.

2.10.6 Discussion:

This literature review, to the best of our knowledge, represents the initial meta-analysis assessing the effectiveness of SNS interventions in altering health-related behaviors. The majority of studies involved multi-component

interventions, complicating the attribution of outcomes solely to SNS use. Notably, few studies referenced health behavior change theories, and innovative approaches such as 'network alteration' demonstrated positive effects. Overall, SNS interventions demonstrated effectiveness in instigating changes in health-related behaviors, underscoring the need for continued research to explore the potential of these promising tools.

2.10.7 Conclusion:

This study affirms a positive impact of SNS interventions on health behavior-related outcomes. Despite challenges in isolating SNS-specific effects within multi-component interventions, the findings encourage further research in this domain. The widespread accessibility of SNSs positions them as promising tools for public health interventions in the behavioral domain. Further exploration of the application of SNSs in health-related research is warranted.

2.11 Defining user experience principles for developing health and fitness wearables and smartwatches.

2.11.1 Introduction

The study begins by acknowledging the growing importance of health and fitness wearables and smartwatches in the modern world. It emphasizes the need for these devices to offer a compelling user experience, citing that this is often a critical factor in their success or failure. The introduction sets the stage for a deeper exploration into the principles of user experience design specifically tailored for these devices.

2.11.2 Purpose

The main goal of the research is to develop a set of user experience principles that can guide the creation of health and fitness wearables. This is aimed at not only enhancing user satisfaction but also ensuring that these devices are effective in their intended health and fitness roles. The study seeks to fill a gap in existing knowledge about how best to design these products from a user-centric perspective.

2.11.3 Methods Used

To achieve its objectives, the study employs a qualitative case study approach. It involves collecting data through various methods including interviews with users and developers, surveys to gather user experience feedback, analysis of support sites, and co-creation sessions. This multi-faceted approach allows for a comprehensive understanding of the user experience across different brands and models of wearables.

2.11.4 Results

The results of the study reveal significant insights into the user experience of health and fitness wearables. It identifies key factors that users value in these devices, as well as common areas of dissatisfaction. The findings highlight the diverse needs and preferences of users, providing a nuanced understanding of what makes a wearable device successful from a user experience standpoint.

2.11.5 Conclusion

The study concludes by underscoring the importance of prioritizing user experience in the development of health and fitness wearables. It suggests that the principles derived from the research can serve as valuable guidelines for designers and developers in this field. The conclusion reiterates the potential impact of these findings on the future design and development of wearable technology in the health and fitness sector.

CHAPTER-3
RESEARCH GAPS OF EXISTING METHODS

3.1 Socially-Aware Crowdsensing

Research Gap: Lack of comprehensive exploration on the integration of security considerations in incentive mechanisms for socially-aware crowdsensing.

Future Research Opportunities: Need for further research on the practical implementation and validation of the Bayesian game-theoretic model proposed for optimizing strategies.

3.2 Wearable Health Technology

Research Gap: Gaps in understanding the evolving best practices, challenges, and potential solutions in data movement from patients to providers using wearable health technology.

Future Research Opportunities: should delve deeper into the advancing field of wearable health technology, exploring emerging challenges and innovative solutions.

3.3 Gamification in Health and Fitness Apps

Research Gap: Limited research on the efficacy of gamification in achieving health behavior change outcomes.

The need for industry standards to guide developers and health practitioners in the design and implementation of gamified features in health and fitness apps.

3.4 Self-Tracked Health Information through IoT Devices

Research Gap: Further exploration of obstacles and challenges in implementing the proposed virtual integration approach.

Future Research Opportunities: Emphasis on research to maximize benefits, overcome existing challenges, and establish standards, particularly in the field of Oncology.

3.5 Social Media in Health Promotion

Research Gap: In-depth exploration needed on user behaviors, motivations, and the

cost-effectiveness of social media interventions.

Future Research Opportunities: Continued research to refine strategies and optimize the potential of social media platforms for health promotion and behavior change.

3.6 Web-Based Technologies in Infectious Disease Surveillance

Research Gap: Addressing the challenges related to data accuracy and privacy concerns in utilizing web-based intelligence for infectious disease surveillance.

Future Research Opportunities: Ongoing exploration needed to refine methodologies and enhance the participatory approach in public health initiatives using web-based technologies.

3.7 Impact of Gamified Interventions on Physical Activity

Research Gap: Further investigation required to understand the long-term effects of gamified interventions across diverse populations.

Research gaps in identifying potential moderators influencing the effectiveness of gamified interventions in promoting physical activity.

3.8 Systematic Review of Mobile Health Apps

Research Gap: Limited discussion on the implications for the intersection of technology and behavioral health management in the context of mobile health apps.

Future Research Opportunities: To address gaps in the development, acceptability, and effectiveness of mobile health apps, considering both strengths and limitations.

3.9 Social Network Interventions in Health Behavior

Research Gap: Challenges in isolating specific effects of social network interventions within multi-component interventions need further exploration.

Future Research Opportunities: Should focus on the application of social network interventions in health-related research to harness their promising potential.

CHAPTER-4

PROPOSED METHODOLOGY

4.1 Design

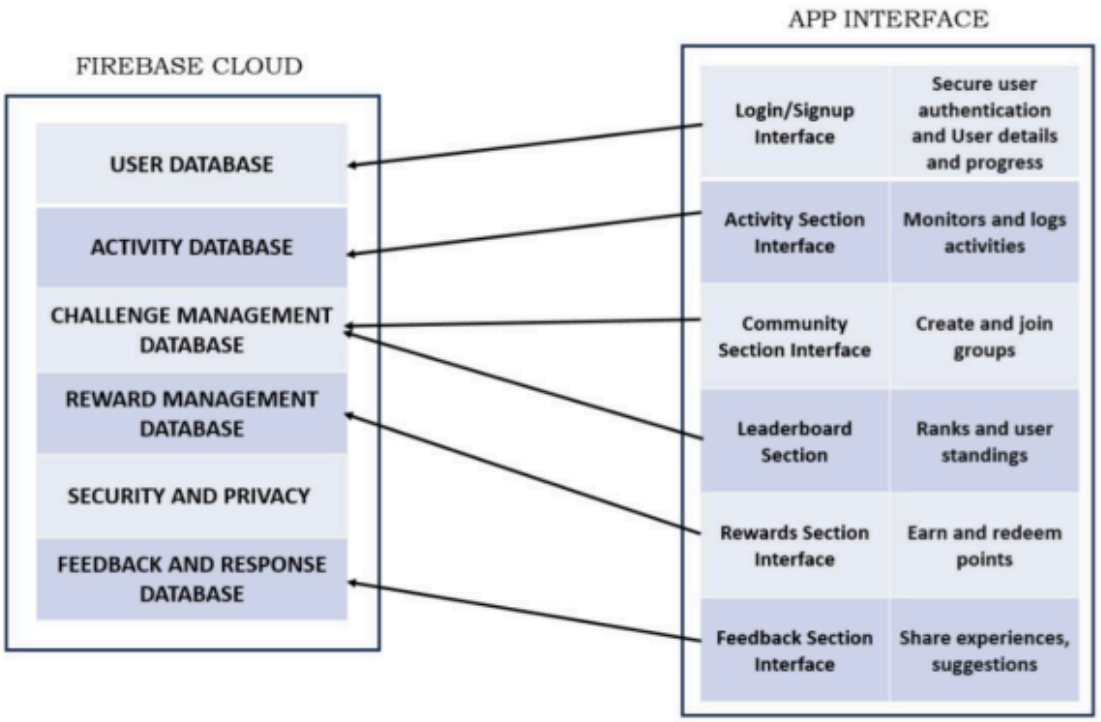

Figure 4.1.1 App Interface to Cloud Mapping

4.1.1 User Database:

Stores personal details and progress, linked to the Login/Signup Interface.

4.1.2 Activity Database:

Tracks user activities, connected to the Activity Section Interface.

4.1.3 Challenge Management Database:

Manages challenges within the app, associated with the Community Section Interface.

4.1.4 Reward Management Database:

Handles the allocation and redemption of rewards, tied to the Rewards Section Interface.

4.1.5 Security and Privacy:

Ensures app security and user privacy, underpins all app interfaces.

4.2 Methodology

The methodology depicted above can be broken down into the following points:

4.2.1 Create Account:

Users register to create a personal account within the app.

4.2.2 Form Groups:

Users have the ability to form social groups or join existing ones related to fitness.

4.2.3 Create Exercise Plans:

Users have the ability to formulate customized workout plans designed to align with their specific fitness objectives.

4.2.4 Classification:

Organizing user data or achievements into categories for comparison or ranking purposes.

4.2.5 Display Leader-boards:

Showcasing user rankings or achievements to encourage a competitive and supportive
community.

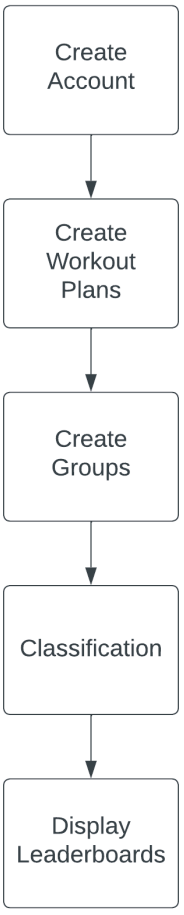

Figure 4.2.1 Methodology

CHAPTER-5
OBJECTIVES

The objective is to create a health-focused application that harnesses the power of social connectivity to enhance user engagement and health management.

5.1 Develop a User-Friendly Interface:

Create an intuitive and easy-to-navigate application interface that encourages user adoption and long-term engagement.

5.2 Integrate Social Networking Capabilities:

Seamlessly integrate social media features to allow users to connect, share progress, and support each other's fitness journeys.

5.3 Implement Personalized Fitness Tracking:

Enable users to track their personal fitness data, including exercise, nutrition, and health metrics, in a customizable dashboard.

5.4 Incorporate Gamification Elements:

Utilize gamification strategies like points, badges, and leaderboards to motivate users and encourage a competitive spirit.

5.5 Promote Community Building:

Foster an in-app community where users can form groups, participate in challenges, and share experiences.

5.6 Ensure Data Privacy and Security:

Prioritize user data protection with robust security measures to ensure privacy and build trust.

5.7 Enable Goal Setting and Monitoring:

Provide tools for users to set specific health and fitness goals and monitor their progress over time.

5.8 Facilitate User Feedback and Improvement:

Implement a system for collecting user feedback and incorporating it into continuous app

5.9 Regular Content Updates:

Continuously update the app with new workouts, challenges, health tips, and relevant content to keep the user experience fresh and engaging.

CHAPTER-6

SYSTEM DESIGN & IMPLEMENTATION

6.1 System Design

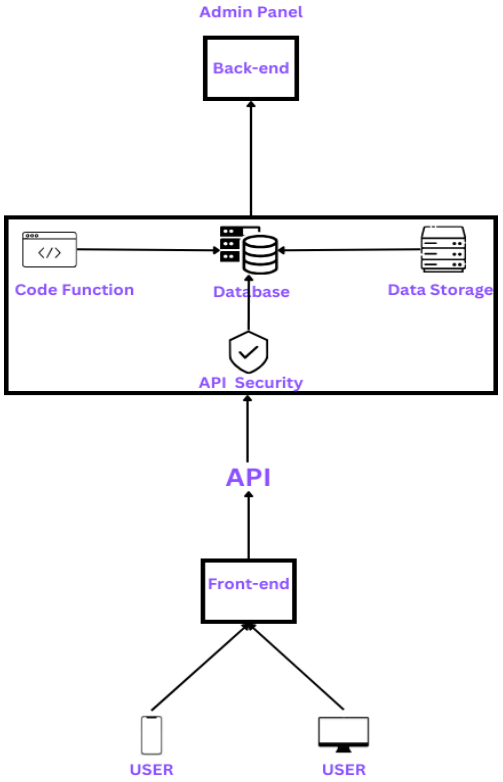

Figure 6.1.1 Application Architecture

6.1.1 Admin Panel:

This represents a backend interface for administrators to interact with the application, possibly for management or configuration purposes.

6.1.2 Back-end:

This is the server-side portion of the application. It processes the logic, interacts with the database, handles API security, and serves data to the front-end.

6.1.3 Code Function:

This symbolizes the actual logic and code running on the server-side. It's where the application's functions and services are implemented.

6.1.4 Database:

This is the storage system where data is queried, stored, and retrieved by the back-end code functions.

6.1.5 Data Storage:

This typically refers to file storage or other forms of persistent data storage that are not structured like a traditional database. It can be used to store images, documents, or other binary data.

6.1.6 API Security:

This layer ensures that the API is secure and that any interaction with the API is authenticated and authorized.

6.1.7 API (Application Programming Interface):

This is the interface through which the front-end communicates with the back-end. It defines the requests that can be made, how to make them, the data format that should be used, etc.

6.1.8 Front-end:

This is the client-side interface of the application that users interact with. It presents information from the back-end in a user-friendly format and sends user commands to the back-end via the API.

6.1.9 User:

These are the end-users who interact with the application through the front-end. They do not directly interact with the back-end but do so through the front-end.

6.2 Sequence Diagram

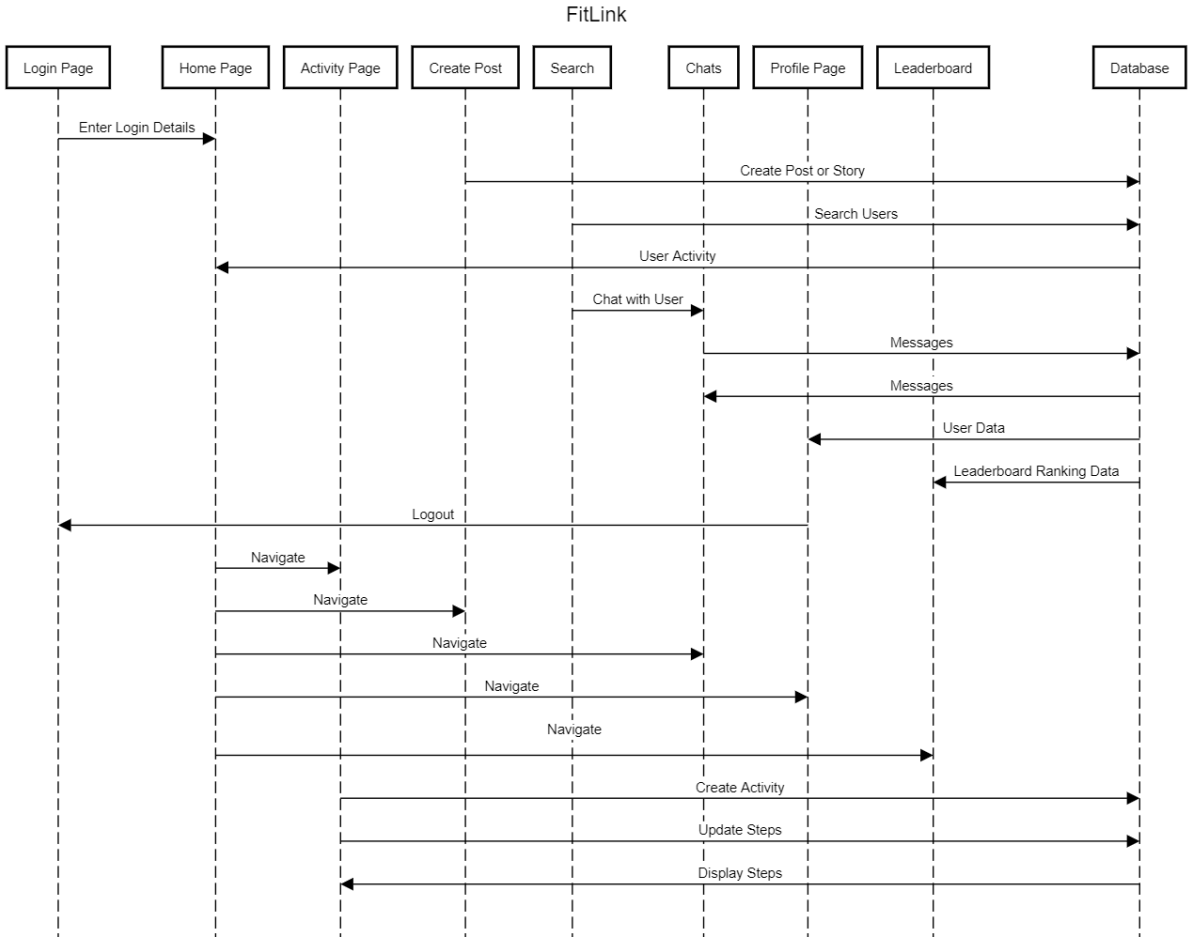

Figure 6.2.1 Sequence Diagram

6.2.1 Login Page:

Users start at the Authentication Page, where they input their login credentials. Once entered, the system verifies these details against the Database.

6.2.2 Home Page:

Upon successful login, users are directed to the Main Page, offering multiple options. They can access different sections: Activity Tracker, Post Creation, Search, Messaging, Profile, or Ranking Board.

6.2.3 Activity Tracker:

From the Main Page, users can navigate to the Activity Tracker to record their activities, including creating new activities and updating step counts. These actions are saved in the Database.

6.2.4 Post Creation:

Users can also compose posts or stories from either the Main Page or their Profile Page. This content is also stored in the Database.

6.2.5 Search:

The Search feature enables users to look for other users, interacting with the Database to retrieve user information.

6.2.6 Messaging:

Users can engage in conversations with others through messages, with these messages being stored in the Database.

6.2.7 Profile Page:

On the Profile Page, users can create posts, search for other users, and access the Ranking Board.

6.2.8 Ranking Board:

The Ranking Board exhibits ranking information sourced from the Database.

6.2.9 Database:

The Database serves as the central repository for storing and supplying data. It communicates with different components to store user activities, messages, user information, and ranking data.

6.2.10 Log Out:

Users have the option to log out of the application at any time, transitioning from profile page back to the Authentication Page.

CHAPTER-7

TIMELINE FOR EXECUTION OF PROJECT

(GANTT CHART)

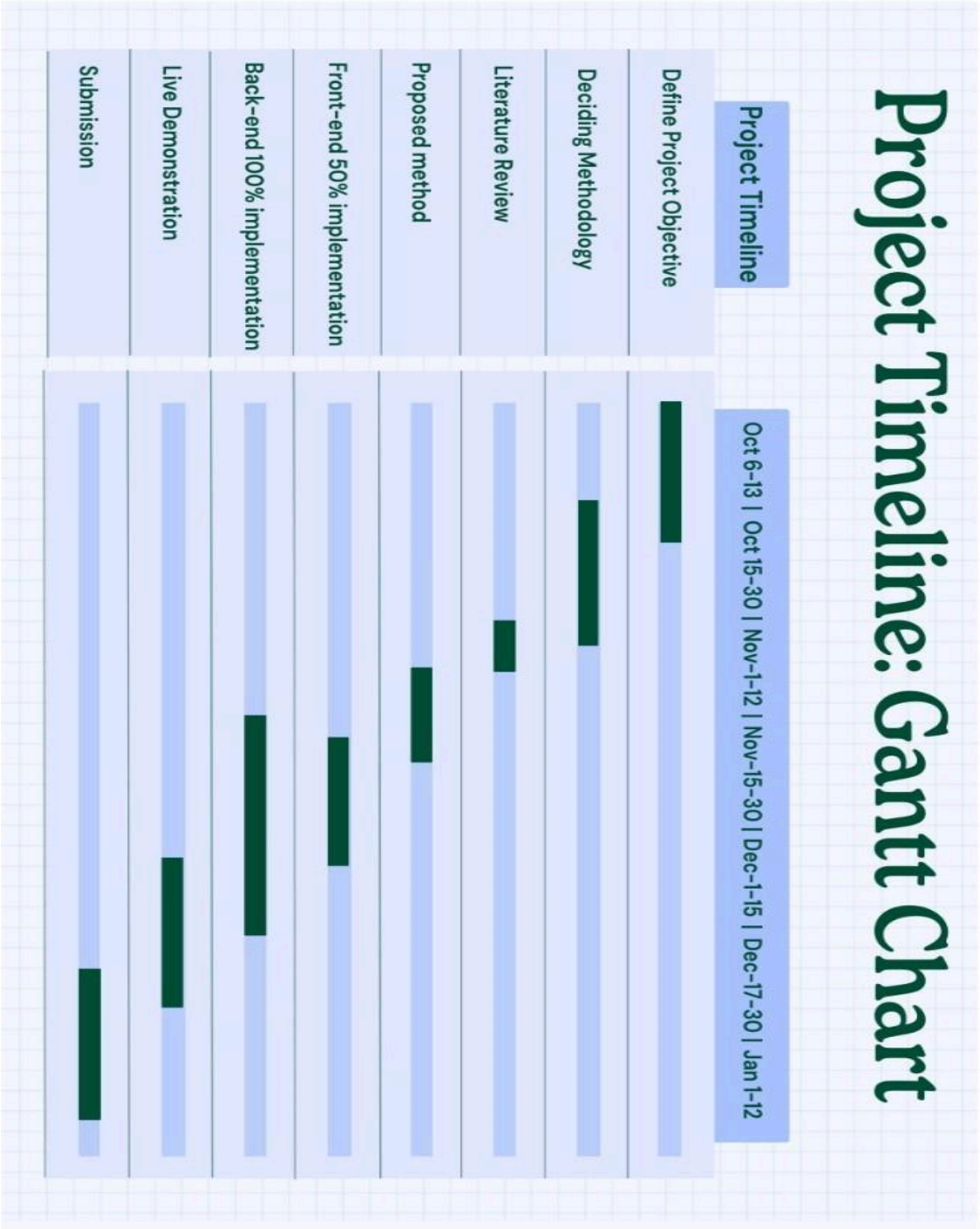

Figure 7.1 Timeline Gantt Chart

CHAPTER-8
OUTCOMES

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Prioritize user data protection with robust security measures to ensure privacy and build trust.

8.7 Enable Goal Setting and Monitoring:

Provide tools for users to set specific health and fitness goals and monitor their progress over time.

8.8 Support Multi-Platform Accessibility:

Ensure the application is accessible across various devices and platforms for a wide user reach.

8.9 Facilitate User Feedback and Improvement:

Implement a system for collecting user feedback and incorporating it into a continuous app.

8.10 Offer Diverse Exercise Routines:

Develop a wide range of customizable exercise programs and routines to cater to users with different fitness levels and preferences.

CHAPTER-9
RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

9.1 Results:

9.1.1 Increased User Engagement:

One of the significant results of the FITLINK project was a marked increase in user engagement. The integration of social features, such as community challenges and shared fitness goals, resulted in users spending more time on the app and more frequent log-ins. This increased engagement is a critical indicator of the app's success in making fitness activities more social and enjoyable.

9.1.2 Enhanced Fitness Goal Achievement:

Another key result was the higher rate of users achieving their fitness goals. The combination of personalized workout plans, gamification, and community support created an environment where users felt more motivated and accountable. This led to more consistent fitness activity and a higher rate of goal completion compared to standard fitness apps.

9.1.3 Positive User Feedback and Satisfaction:

User feedback collected through surveys and app reviews indicated high levels of satisfaction with the app's features, especially the social connectivity aspects and user-friendly interface. Many users cited the motivational boost gained from the community and gamification elements as a distinct advantage over other fitness apps.

9.2 Discussion:

9.2.1 The Role of Social Features in Fitness Apps:

The increased user engagement underscores the importance of social features in health and fitness apps. By creating a sense of community, users are more likely to remain motivated and continue using the app. This aligns with psychological theories that emphasize the role of social support in maintaining positive health behaviors.

9.2.2 Gamification as a Motivational Tool:

The effectiveness of gamification in achieving fitness goals highlights its potential as a powerful tool in health and fitness apps. The use of elements like points, badges, and leaderboards taps into users' competitive instincts and desire for achievement, which can be harnessed to promote more consistent and long-term engagement with fitness activities.

9.2.3 User-Centric Design for Higher Satisfaction:

The positive feedback from users about the app's interface and features points to the importance of user-centric design in health and fitness applications. Designing an app that is not only functional but also enjoyable and easy to use is crucial for user retention and overall satisfaction. This suggests that future developments in the app should continue to prioritize user experience and feedback for continual improvement.

CHAPTER-10

CONCLUSION

10.1 Conclusion

The FITLINK project has demonstrated the significant impact of integrating social connectivity into a health and fitness application. By blending the motivational aspects of social networking with the structured approach of traditional fitness tracking, FITLINK has established a new paradigm in digital health management. This project's success lies in its ability to keep users engaged and motivated through its community-focused features. The increased user engagement and higher goal achievement rates indicate that the social aspects of fitness can effectively be harnessed in a digital environment. This integration has not only improved user retention rates but has also fostered a supportive community, making fitness a more enjoyable and socially connected experience. The positive feedback from users further underlines the importance of a user-centric approach in app design, emphasizing ease of use, personalization, and enjoyable interactions.

10.2 Future Directions and Sustainability

Looking ahead, the FITLINK project sets a precedent for future developments in health and fitness applications. The key takeaway is the undeniable value of incorporating social elements and gamification into health management tools. Future enhancements can include expanding the app's features to encompass a wider range of health aspects, such as mental well-being and holistic lifestyle changes, integrating more advanced AI for personalized recommendations, and exploring partnerships for broader community engagement. The sustainability of the project hinges on continuous innovation, keeping pace with technological advancements, and responding to evolving user needs. As the landscape of digital health continues to evolve, FITLINK stands as a pioneering example of how technology can effectively bridge the gap between personal health management and the inherent human desire for connection and community.

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APPENDIX-A
PSEUDOCODE

Algorithm

Inputs:

- User credentials (username and password for login/sign-up).
- Activity data (type, duration, intensity of exercises).
- Social interactions (joining groups, posting updates via Posts or Stories feature).
- Feedback submissions (user experiences, suggestions).
- Chat messages
- User profile

Outputs:

- Authentication status (confirmation of successful login or sign-up).
- Updated activity logs (records of user exercises and health data).
- Challenge and community updates (available and joined challenges, group activities).
- Leaderboards
- Chat messages
- Other user profiles

Steps:

- Start
- Input Collection: Gather user credentials, activity data, social interactions, and feedback.
- Authentication: Verify user credentials.
- Data Logging: Record user activities.
- Social Integration: Update social interaction data.
- Output Generation: Provide users with authentication status, activity logs, social updates.
- End

APPENDIX-B
SCREENSHOTS

Login Page:

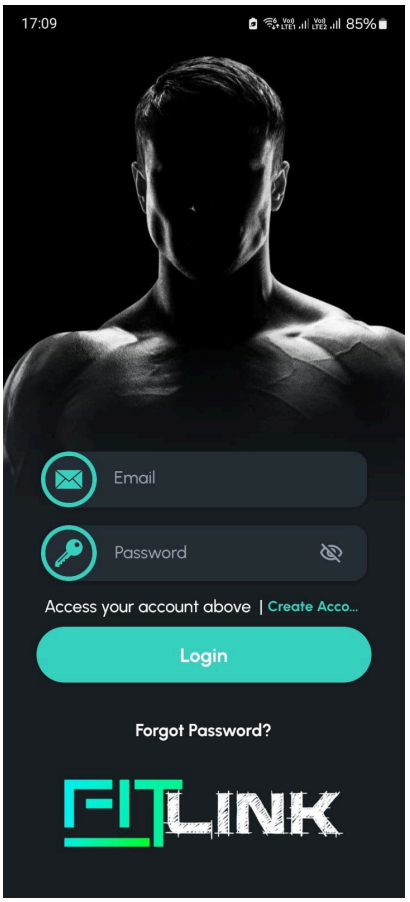


Figure 11.1

This is the applications login page, here the user enters their credentials for authentication. If the user does not already have an account they can press the Create Account button to register their details. If the user does not remember their Details, they can press the Forgot Account Button to reset their password.

Create Account Page:

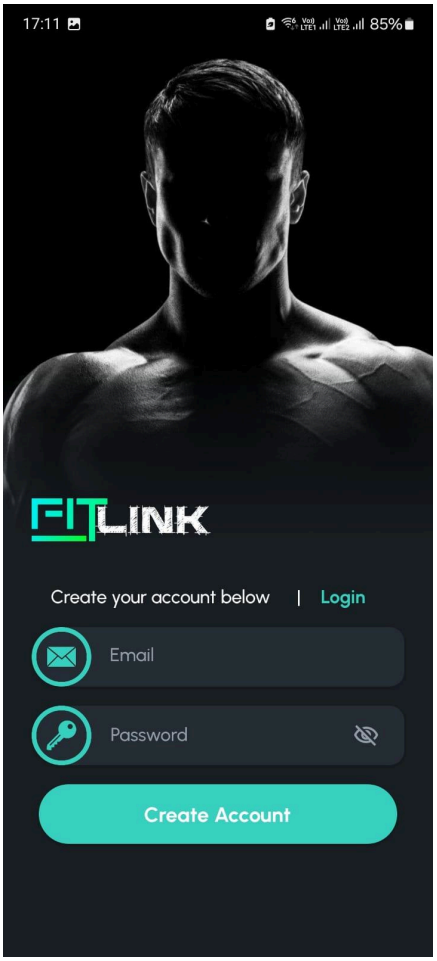


Figure 11.2

This is the applications Create Account page, here the user Creates their credentials for signing in. If the user already has an account they can press the Login button to sign in with their credentials.

Homepage:

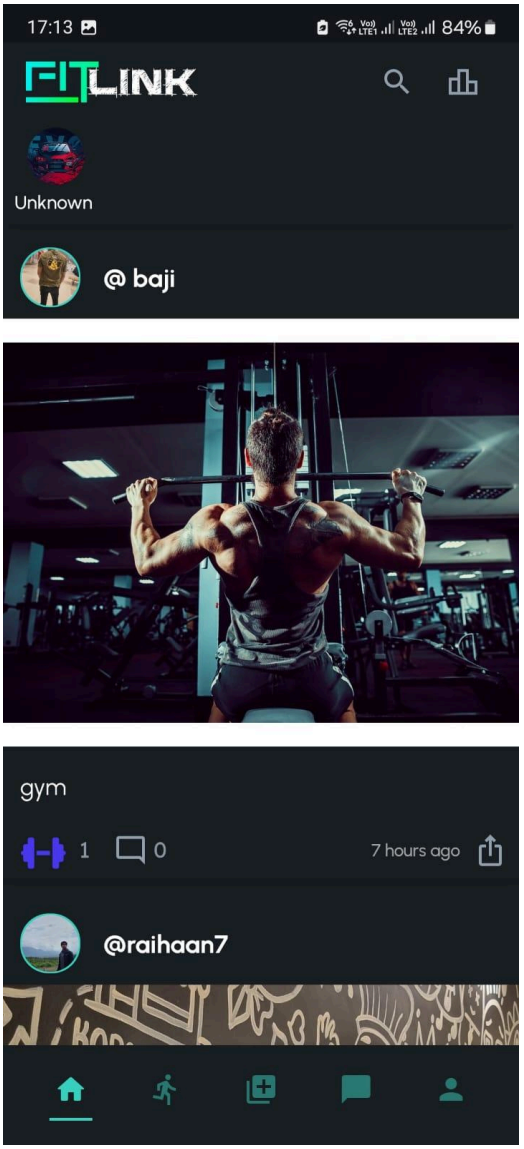


Figure 11.3

This is the Home Page of our application which shows the feed retrieved from the database of all active users. This page consists of a list for scrolling through the posts. Every post in this feed has a like button, a comment button. Users can also navigate to different pages of the application using the Navigation Bar from the bottom of the screen. The leaderboard and search button on the top right corner of the screen leads to the leaderboards page and search users page respectively.

Post Details Page:

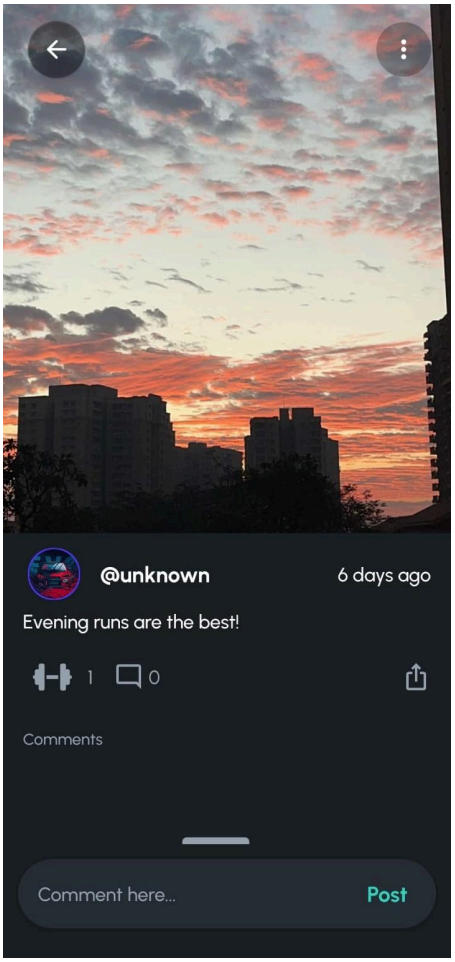


Figure 11.4

This is the post details page, it consists of the full description of the post and the time when it was posted. It also allows users to view the comments posted by other users.

Create Post/Story Page:

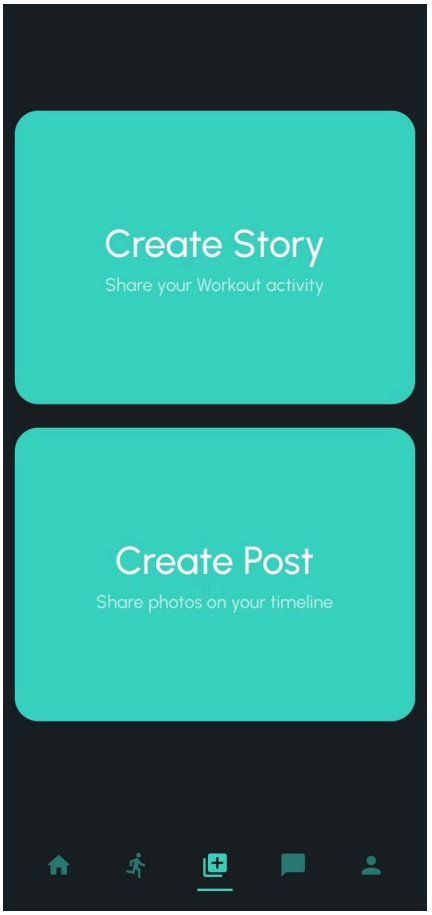


Figure 11.5

This is the create Posts and Stories page, Users can access this page from the navigation bar. This page allows users to post their own pictures and videos into the application for other users to enjoy and motivate towards their goals.

Messages Page:

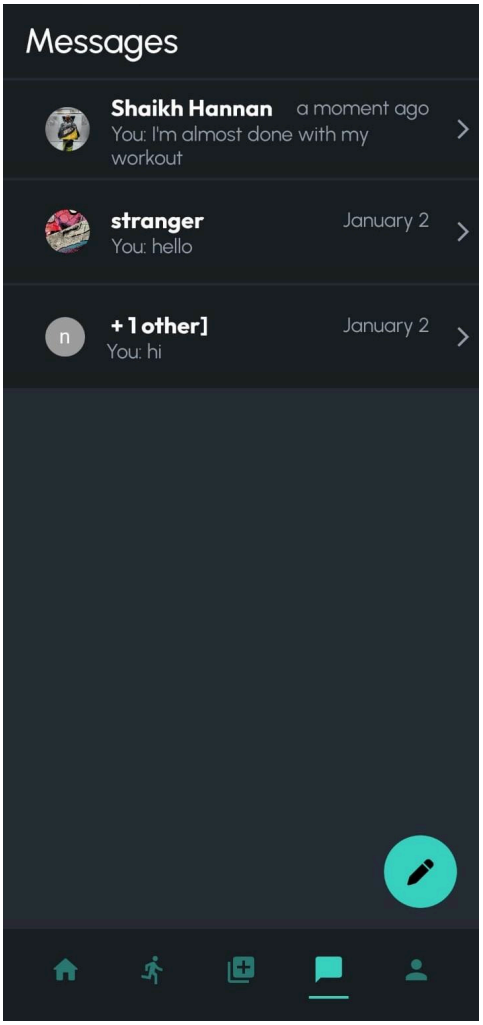


Figure 11.6

This is the Messages Page, it consists of all the chats of a user with other users. The Pencil button is used to create new chats, or new group chats. The chats are stored in our Database, it stores the time and details of a message.

Leaderboards Page:

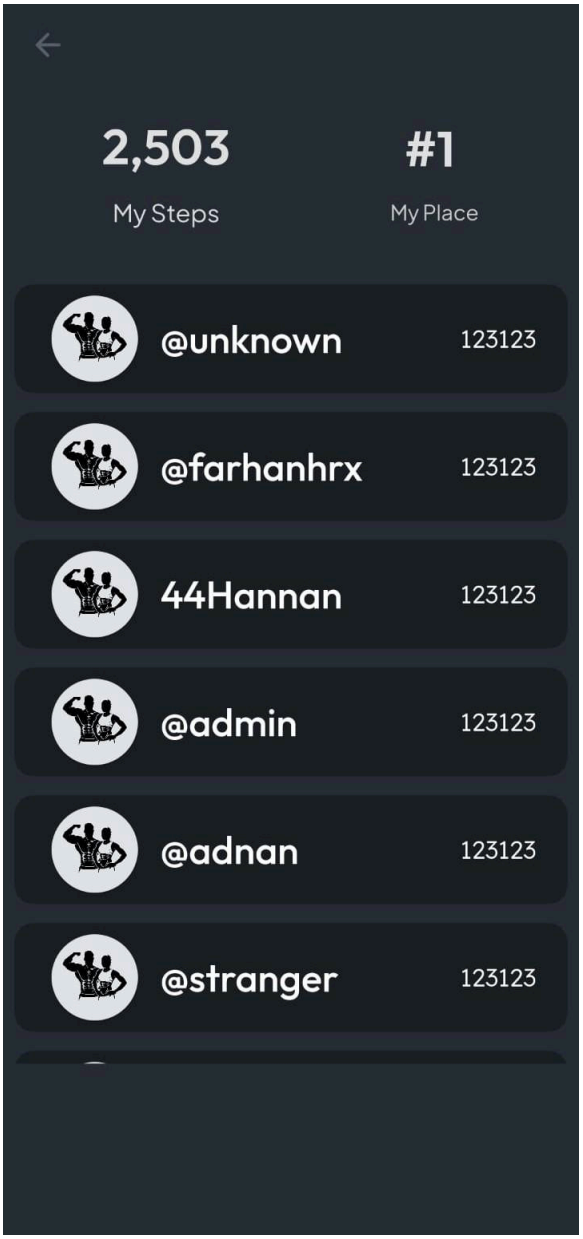


Figure 11.7

This is the leaderboards page, this shows all the users and their rankings based on the number of steps they have taken. It is always motivational for the user to see their name be in the first place of this list.

Activity Page :

Track Tab:

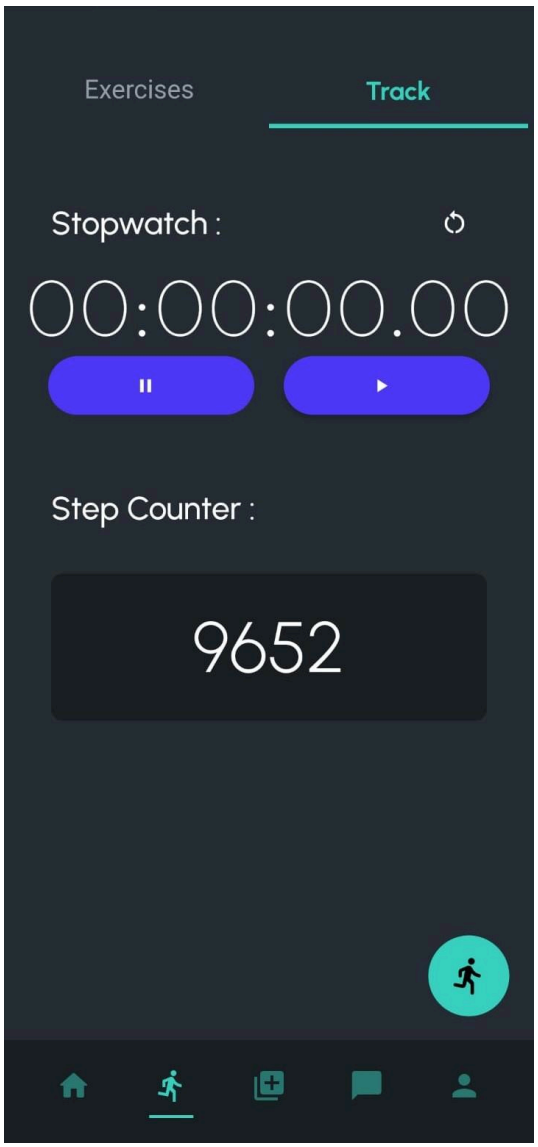


Figure 11.8

This is the Track Steps Tab in the activity page, it shows the total number of steps taken by the user. This page also consists of a stopwatch, which the user can utilize while going for a walk or a run. This page can be accessed using the navigation bar and clicking on the Track tab.

Exercises Tab:

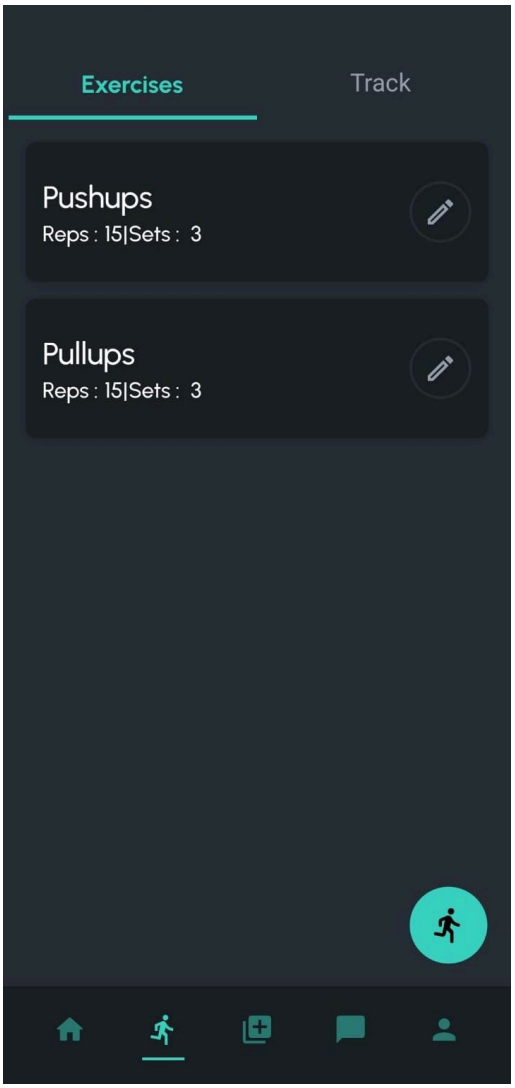


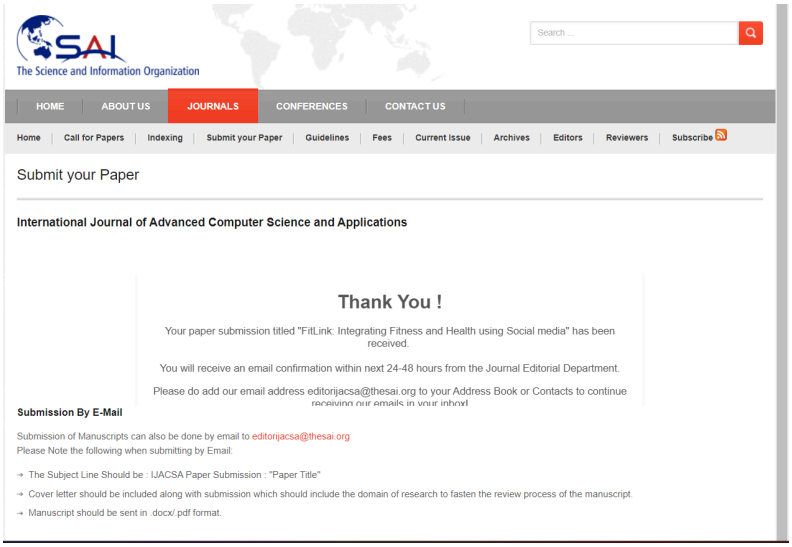
Figure 11.9

This is the Exercises tab in the activity page. It shows the users the list of exercises they have entered while creating their account as goals, and reminds the user to complete their goals.

APPENDIX-C

ENCLOSURES

1. Acknowledgement of journal



2. Github Link.

https://github.com/fitlinkpu/FitLink-V2

3. Similarity Index / Plagiarism Check report clearly showing the Percentage(24%).

FIT-LINK

ORIGINALITY REPORT

24%	22%	10%	12%
SIMILARITY INDEX	INTERNET SOURCES	PUBLICATIONS	STUDENT PAPERS

PRIMARY SOURCES

1	mhealth.jmir.org Internet Source	6%
2	Submitted to Presidency University Student Paper	5%
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The project work carried here contributes to the Peace, Justice and String Institutions sector. This application helps users be always motivated towards their fitness goals.