# JOINADO FEATURES

## 1. WELCOME PAGE
- Displays the app logo and name prominently
- Includes a caption/tagline describing the app's purpose
- Simple, clean design to create a good first impression

## 2. LOGIN AND SIGN UP PAGE
- New users can register on Joinado in two ways (IITJ email required in both cases)
- Manual Sign-Up :

    Enter your name, IITJ email (iitj.ac.in) , and password

    You must log in manually with the same credentials later

- Google Sign-Up :

    Use your IITJ Google account to sign up

    You must log in using Google only (no password needed)

- During registration, Joinado checks if the email ends with iitj.ac.in . Other domains are not allowed.
- Once signed up, users are redirected to their dashboard to start exploring projects and hackathons

## 3. FORGOT PASSWORD
- If a user signs up manually and forgets their password, they can use the Forgot Password option on the login page.
- The user must enter their registered IITJ email ID.
- Firebase will send a password reset link to their email.
- Clicking the link allows them to set a new password and regain access to their account.
- This feature is only available for users who signed up manually. Users who signed up for Google must use Google Sign-in.

## 4. FIRST TIME USERS DETAILS-PAGE

- After registering for the first time, users are directed to a profile setup page to enter their academic details.
- This page asks for the following information :

    1. Program – e.g., B.Tech, M.Tech, Ph.D., MBA
    2. Current Year of Study – e.g., 1st Year, 2nd Year, etc.
    3. Branch/Department – e.g., CSE, EE, ME, AI, etc.
    4. GitHub Profile Link (optional, but helps showcase technical work)

- This information helps teammates and project creators know the user's background and   experience.
- After submission, the user is redirected to the main dashboard.
- All details can be updated later through the profile settings.

## 5. DASHBOARD

### 1. PERSONALIZED GREETING SECTION ( AT THE TOP OF THE DASHBOARD)

- Displays a friendly greeting like "Hi, Alice" (based on the user's name)
- Shows the user's profile photo (if available)

### 2. BOTTOM NAVIGATION BAR

- A simple and clean bottom nav bar is available across all main pages
- Navigation Items:
    1. My Projects – View or manage projects you've created or joined
    2. Explore Projects – Browse open projects to join
    3. Hackathons – Join or create teams for hackathons
    4. Notifications – See invites, chat pings, and project updates
    5. My Profile – View or update your academic and personal info
- Icons are used for a clean look with optional text labels.
- The currently active page is highlighted for clarity.

### 3. MIDDLE SECTION OF THE DASHBOARD

- At the center of the Dashboard, users can click "Create New Project"  to start a team or idea.
- A form appears to collect all necessary project details.

📝 **Required Project Details :**

1. Project Name – Descriptive and clear title
2. Project Type – Choose from:
   - Course Project

   - DC Project (Design Credit under a professor)

   - Personal Project

   - Hackathon Project

3. Number of Group Mates Required – Set total number of teammates
4. Preferred Team Year(s) – Either:

   - Open to any year, or

   - Restrict to specific years (e.g., only 2nd or 3rd year students)

5. Tech Stack (Optional) – Mention technologies/tools (e.g., Flutter, Node.js)
6. GitHub Link (Optional) – If the repo already exists
7. Owner's Email ID – IITJ email for questions or clarifications
8. Deadline for Joining - After this date new users cannot be allowed to request to join the Project.
9. Projects created with "Project Type: Hackathon" will automatically appear in the Hackathons tab on the Dashboard.

## 6. CHAT OPTION

- A chat group is created once the project has more than one member.
- Accessible via the Chat tab inside each project under "My Projects".

## 7. HOW USERS GET ACCESS TO CHAT

- Users browse open projects in the Explore Projects section.
- Click "Request to Join" on any project.
- If the project owner accepts the request, the user is added as a team member.
- The project will now appear in the user's "My Projects" tab.
- Each project card has a Chat tab inside it
- Clicking on it opens a dedicated group chat with all other accepted members.

## 8. MARK THE PROJECT AS COMPLETED

- Once a project is finished, the project owner has the option to mark it as "Completed."
- A ✅ tick mark will appear next to the project title.
- The project will become read-only — no new members can join.
- Group Chat remains visible for record, but sending new messages may be disabled (optional)