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<u>ABSTRACT</u>

Social Sync is an innovative Android application designed to streamline the integration process for newcomers in a new city by providing comprehensive information about events, clubs, local activities, community forums, and interest-based groups. With a user-friendly interface and seamless navigation, Social Sync aims to foster a sense of community and belonging among users.

The application's core objectives include presenting detailed information about events and clubs, offering secure payment options for event registrations and club memberships, providing a platform for engaging in community forums, and facilitating the creation and management of interest-based groups. Social Sync leverages location-based features to recommend nearby events, clubs, and groups, allowing users to customize their preferences according to their location.

User profiles within Social Sync enable users to personalize their experience, track their interests, event attendance, and club memberships. The application also incorporates notifications and reminder features to keep users informed about upcoming events, forum discussions, and group activities. Language support is prioritized with multilingual options and translation tools to cater to users from diverse linguistic backgrounds.

Social Sync introduces a scan feature aimed at simplifying event registration and attendance tracking. With this feature, users can register for events through the app, generate QR codes upon registration, and easily check-in at events by scanning the QR codes, displaying their details for streamlined event management.

Built using Kotlin for the frontend and Firebase for backend services such as Firestore for the database and Firebase Authentication for user authentication, Social Sync ensures a robust and scalable platform. Payment integration is seamlessly integrated using reputable payment gateway APIs, ensuring secure transactions for users.

List of Symbols &Abbreviations

Kt. : Kotlin

XML : Extensible Markup Language

SDK : Software Development Kit

API : Application Programming Interface

JSON : JavaScript Object Notation

FCM : Firebase Cloud Messaging

DTD : Document Type Definition

DOM : Document Object Model

AUTH. : Firebase Authentication

FMA : Firebase ML kit for Mobile Apps

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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

Social Sync is a pioneering Android application crafted to streamline the integration process for newcomers in a new city by offering a comprehensive platform for accessing information about college events, clubs, local activities, community forums, and interest-based groups. With the incorporation of payment options for event registrations and club memberships, Social Sync aims to enhance the experience of individuals transitioning into a new environment, fostering a sense of community and belonging among the residents of the area.

Social Sync provides people to form events and socialize with strangers and form new relationships also Social Sync can act as a great tool for local businesses and the businesses in the event hosting industry thus boosting the economy of this sector.

Social Sync provides scan feature designed to enhance the event experience. By incorporating QR code generation and scanning capabilities, the application aims to optimize event registration processes and improve attendee management.

1.1 Objective

The primary objective of Social Sync is to provide newcomers with a user-friendly and intuitive platform to explore and engage with various aspects of their new city. By offering detailed information about events and clubs, facilitating secure payment options, and providing interactive community forums and interest-based groups, the application aims to ease the transition process and promote social integration. The objective is to empower users to discover and participate in local activities that align with their interests, ultimately enhancing their overall experience in the new city.

1.2 Proposed System

- Provide detailed descriptions, schedules, and locations of college events and various clubs.
- Enable users to easily browse, search, and filter events and clubs based on their interests and preferences.
- Implement secure payment options for event registrations and club memberships.
- Integrate with reputable payment gateway APIs such as UPI sdk to ensure seamless and secure transactions.
- Offer a platform for users to actively engage in community forums.
- Allow users to create and join interest-based groups within the application.
- Facilitate communication and coordination among group members through chat or discussion forums.
- Enable users to set preferences for their preferred city or location to receive tailored recommendations.
- Implement user profiles and personalize their profiles containing information about user interests, events attended, and club memberships.
- Send push notifications to users for upcoming events, forum updates, and group activities.
- Include reminder features for events that users have expressed interest in or registered for, enhancing user engagement and participation.
- Users can register for events within the app, providing necessary details and paying event fees securely.

- Upon successful registration, a unique QR code is generated either by the main admin or within the application itself, serving as a digital ticket for the event. Also users can easily check-in by scanning the QR code
- By simplifying event registration and check-in procedures, the scan feature contributes to a more seamless and enjoyable event experience for users.

1.3 Scope

1. Comprehensive Information Access:

   - Offer a wide range of features and functionalities aimed at providing a comprehensive solution for newcomers in a new city.

   - Facilitate efficient access to information about local events, clubs, activities, and community forums within the application.

2. Enhanced User Experience:

   - Focus on enhancing the user experience by providing intuitive navigation, personalized profiles, and seamless interaction features.

   - Prioritize user satisfaction through user-friendly interfaces and responsive design elements.

3. Business Process Automation:

   - Streamline business processes related to event management, club memberships, and community engagement through automation features.

   - Optimize resource utilization and operational efficiency within the application.

4. Resource Utilization Optimization:

   - Utilize resources efficiently by leveraging cloud-based services and scalable infrastructure.

   - Ensure optimal performance and reliability of the application to accommodate varying user demands.

5. Potential for Future Expansion:

- Lay the foundation for future expansion and enhancements to further enrich the user experience.

- Continuously evaluate user feedback and market trends to identify opportunities for growth and innovation.

6. Social Integration and Community Building:

- Promote social integration and community building among users by facilitating interactions and connections through interest-based groups and community forums.

- Foster a sense of belonging and camaraderie among users, especially newcomers in a new city.

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PROBLEM ANALYSIS

2.1 Product Definition

The Purpose of this application is to assist newcomers in integrating into a new city. It provides information about different types of events, local activities, clubs, community forums, and interest-based groups. The app aims to simplify exploration and engagement in the new environment, offering secure payments, language support, and personalized recommendations for inclusivity and accessibility.

2.2 Feasibility Analysis

A feasibility study is an analysis used in measuring the ability and likelihood to complete a project successfully including all relevant factors. It must account for factors that affect it such as economic, technological, legal, and scheduling factors. Project managers use feasibility studies to determine potential positive and negative outcomes of a project before investing a considerable amount of time and money into it.

A. Economical Feasibility

This is a very important aspect to consider while developing a project . This study will assess the financial viability of developing and maintaining the Social Sync application. It will analyze the costs associated with development, hosting, maintenance, and marketing against the potential revenue streams from user subscriptions, in-app purchases, and advertisements.

B. Technical Feasibility

The technical feasibility study will evaluate whether the proposed features and functionalities of the Social Sync application can be effectively implemented using available technology and resources. It will assess factors such as compatibility with Android devices, integration with Firebase backend services, and scalability to accommodate potential user growth.

C. Operational Feasibility

This aspect of the feasibility study will examine the practicality and viability of operating the Social Sync application within the intended environment. It will consider factors such as user acceptance, ease of use, and the availability of necessary resources (e.g., internet connectivity) to ensure smooth and efficient operation of the application. All inputs required from users are self-explanatory. Overall, the system has proven to be a valuable asset to clients, fulfilling their needs and exceeding their expectations.

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SOFTWARE AND HARDWARE REQUIREMENT ANALYSIS

3.1 Software Requirements

Name of Components		Specification
Operating System	:	Android OS version 5.0 (Lollipop) or above
Language	:	Kotlin Programming Language
Web Server	:	Firebase
IDE	:	Android Studio
Authentication	:	Firebase Authentication
Payment Integration	:	UPI Payment SDK (Software Development Kit)

3.2 Hardware Requirements

3.2.1 For Users

Android Device	:	Android smartphone or tablet
RAM	:	Minimum 2GB of RAM
Network Connectivity	:	Wi-Fi and/or mobile data connectivity

3.2.2 For Developers

Processor	:	Intel Core i5 or equivalent
RAM	:	Minimum 8GB of RAM
Storage Space	:	minimum 100GB

3.3 Technologies and Tools

- **Android Studio:** Android Studio is the official Integrated Development Environment (IDE) for Android app development. It provides a comprehensive set of tools for designing, coding, testing, and debugging Android applications.

- **Kotlin Programming Language:** Kotlin is a modern, expressive, and statically-typed programming language that is fully interoperable with Java. It is the preferred language for Android app development due to its conciseness, safety features, and seamless interoperability with existing Java codebases.

- **Firebase:** Firebase is a comprehensive mobile and web application development platform provided by Google. It offers a wide range of services, including Firestore for real-time database management, Firebase Authentication for user authentication, Firebase Cloud Messaging (FCM) for push notifications, and Firebase Hosting for web hosting. Firebase provides backend infrastructure and services that are essential for building scalable and reliable Android applications.

- **Payment Gateway API:** The UPI Payment SDK (Software Development Kit) is a set of tools, libraries, and documentation provided by UPI service providers or third-party payment gateway providers. This SDK enables developers to integrate UPI payment functionality into their mobile applications seamlessly.

- **Location API:** Geocoder API for localization will be utilized to fetch location of the user and facilitate the localization of app content, enabling the app to recommend the events based on users location.

- **Android Emulator:** Android emulators will be used for testing the application on different virtual device configurations, simulating various screen sizes, resolutions, and Android OS versions. Emulators help ensure that the application is compatible and responsive across a wide range of devices.

- **Git and GitHub:** Git version control system and GitHub repository hosting service will be utilized for collaborative development, code management, and version control. Git and GitHub enable seamless collaboration among team members, code sharing, and tracking of changes throughout the development process.

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PROJECT PLAN

Project Description

The Social Sync Android application aims to address the challenge of seamlessly integrating newcomers into a new city by providing a comprehensive platform for accessing information and engaging with the local community.

There has been a continuous effort to develop tools, which can ease the process of software development. But, with the evolving trend of different programming paradigms today's software developers are challenged to deal with the changing technology. Among other issues, software reengineering is being regarded as an important process in the software systems that are already developed and to transform them into a different software environment. This project makes a novel attempt to address the issue of program analysis and generation of diagrams, which can depict the structure of a program in a better way. Today, UML is being considered an industrial standard for software engineering design processes. It is essential to provide several diagramming tools that can express different aspects/characteristics of the program such as :-

Use Case: It involves gathering requirements from users in meaningful chunks to ensure that the application meets their needs and preferences effectively. This process is crucial for understanding user expectations and translating them into actionable requirements for development. By breaking down user requirements into manageable chunks, developers can prioritize features, plan construction activities, and establish a basis for system testing.

Class Diagrams: Shows static structure of concepts, types, and class. Concepts how users think about the world; type shows interfaces of software components; classes show the implementation of software components.

Activity Diagram: Activity diagrams can demonstrate parallel behaviour, such as simultaneous user interactions or background processes, enhancing the overall efficiency and usability of the application.

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SYSTEM ANALYSIS

Defining a System

A collection of components that work together to realize some objective forms a system. There are three major components in every system, namely input, processing, and output.

In a system, the different components are connected, and they are interdependent. For example, the Human body represents a completely natural system. We are also bound by many national systems such as the political system, economic system, educational system, and so forth. The objective of the system demand that some output is produced as a result of processing the suitable inputs.

System Life Cycle

The system life cycle is an organizational process of developing and maintaining systems. It helps in establishing a system project plan because it gives an overall list of processes and subprocesses required to develop a system. System development life cycle means a combination of various activities. In other words, we can say that various activities put together are referred to as the system development life cycle. In the System Analysis and Design terminology, the system development life cycle means software development life cycle.

Following are the different phases of the software development cycle:
- System Analysis
- System Design
- Coding
- Testing
- Implementation
- Maintenance

System Analysis

Assuming that a new system is to be developed, the next phase is system analysis. The analysis involved a detailed study of the current system, leading to specifications of a new system. The analysis is a detailed study of various operations performed by a system and their relationships within and outside the system. During analysis, data are collected on the available files, decision points, and transactions handled by the present system. Interviews, on-site observations, and questionnaires are the tools used for system analysis. Using the following steps, it becomes easy to draw the exact boundary of the new system under consideration:

- Keeping in view the problems and new requirements.
- Workout the pros and cons including new areas of the system.

All procedures and requirements must be analysed and documented in the form of detailed data flow diagrams (DFDs), data dictionaries, logical data structures, and miniature specifications. System Analysis also includes subdividing a complex process involving the entire system, identification of data store, and manual processes. The main points to be discussed in system analysis are:

- Specifications of what the new system is to accomplish based on the other requirements.
- Functional hierarchy showing the functions to be performed by the new system and their relationship with each other.
- Functional networks are similar to function hierarchy but they highlight those functions which are common to more than one procedure.

List of attributes of the entities- there are the data items that need to be held about each entity (a record).

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SYSTEM DESIGN

6.1 System Design

Based on the user requirements and the detailed analysis of a new system, the new system must be designed. This is the phase of system designing. It is the most crucial phase in the development of a system. Normally, the design proceeds in two stages:

- Preliminary or General Design
- Structure or Detailed Design

Preliminary or general design: In the preliminary or general design, the features of the new system are specified. The costs of implementing these features and the benefits to be derived are estimated. If the project is still considered to be feasible, we move to the detailed design stage.

Structure or Detailed design: In the detailed design stage, computer-oriented work begins in earnest. At this stage, the design of the system becomes more structured. The structure design is a blueprint of a computer system solution to a given problem having the same components and inter-relationship among the same components as the original problem. Input, output, and processing specifications are drawn up in detail. In the design stage, the programming language and the platform in which the new system will run are also decided.

There are several tools and techniques used for designing. These tools and techniques are:
- Flow Chart
- DFD
- E-R Diagram
- Data Dictionary
- Decision Table
- Decision Tree

6.1.1 Use Case Diagram

A use case diagram is a type of behavioral diagram in the Unified Modeling Language (UML) that illustrates the interactions between actors (users or external systems) and a system (such as a software application or a business process). It visually represents the functional requirements of the system from the perspective of its users.
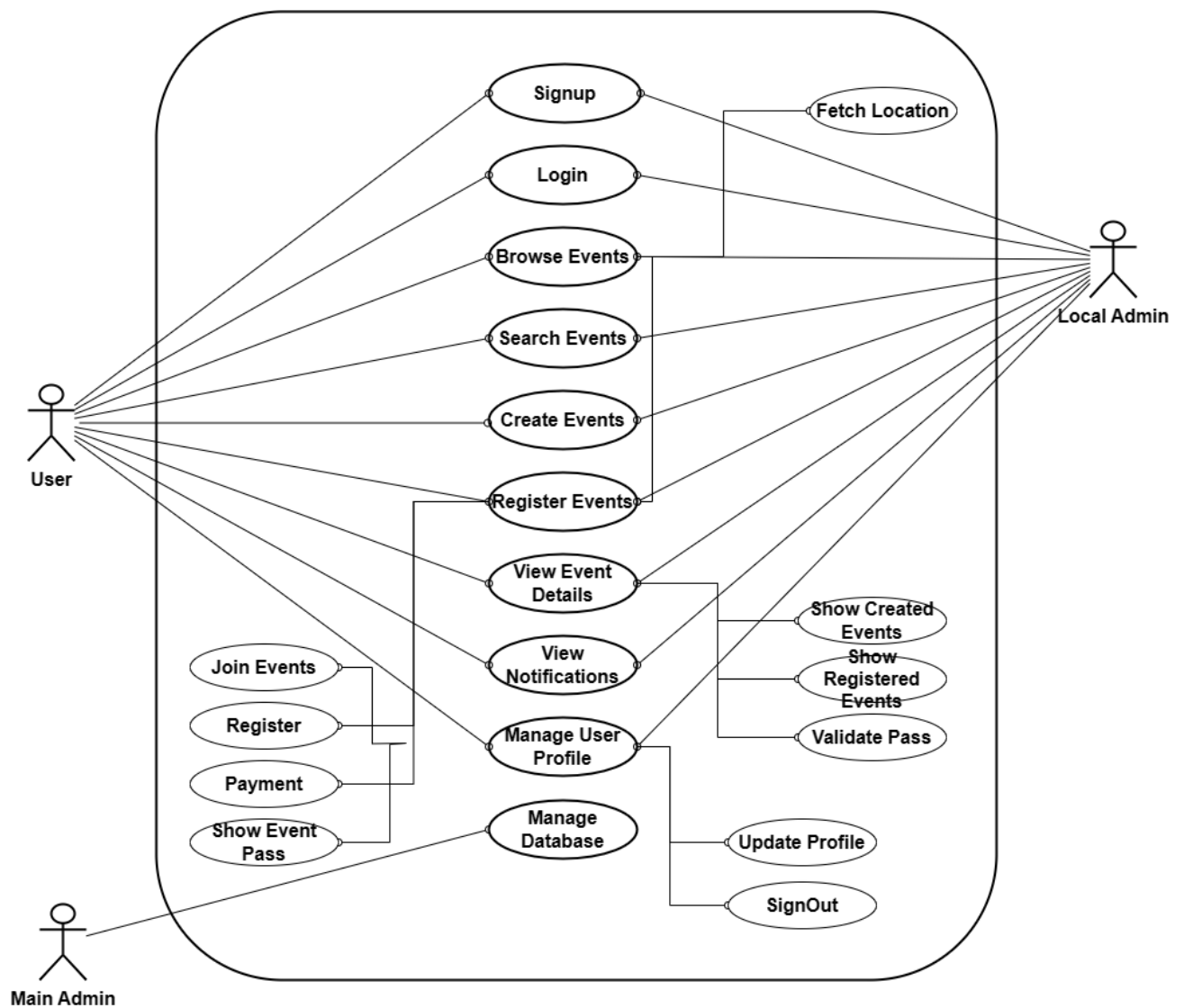
USE CASE DIAGRAM

6.1.2 Data Flow Diagram (DFD)

A Data Flow Diagram (DFD) is a diagram that describes the flow of data and the processes that change or transform data throughout a system. The Data Flow Diagram reviews the current physical system, prepares input and output specifications, specifies the implementation plan, etc.

Four basic symbols are used to construct data flow diagrams. They are symbols that represent data sources, data flows, data transformations, and data storage. The points at which data are transformed are represented by enclosed figures, usually circles, which are called nodes.

(A) Source of Destination of data

(B) Flow of Data
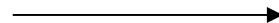
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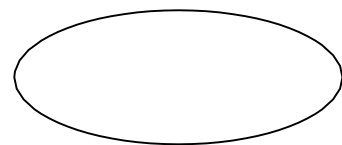
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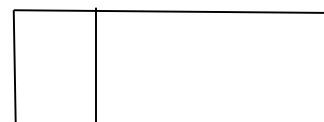
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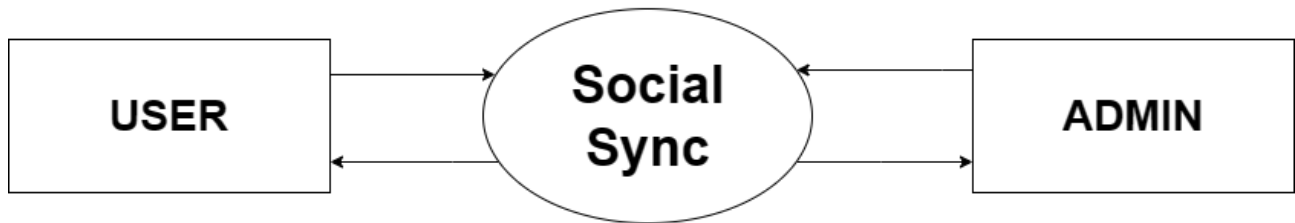
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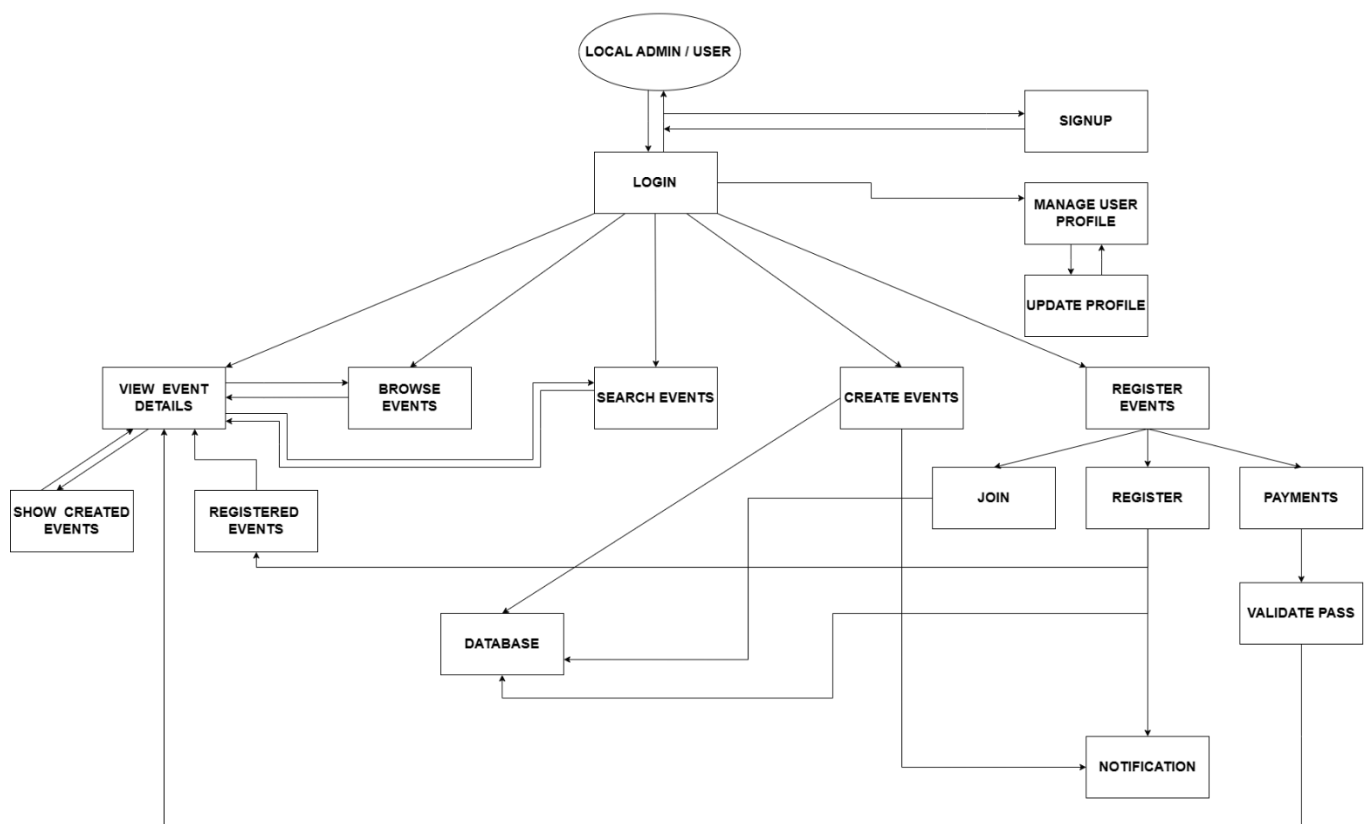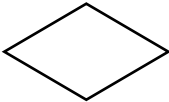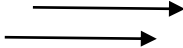
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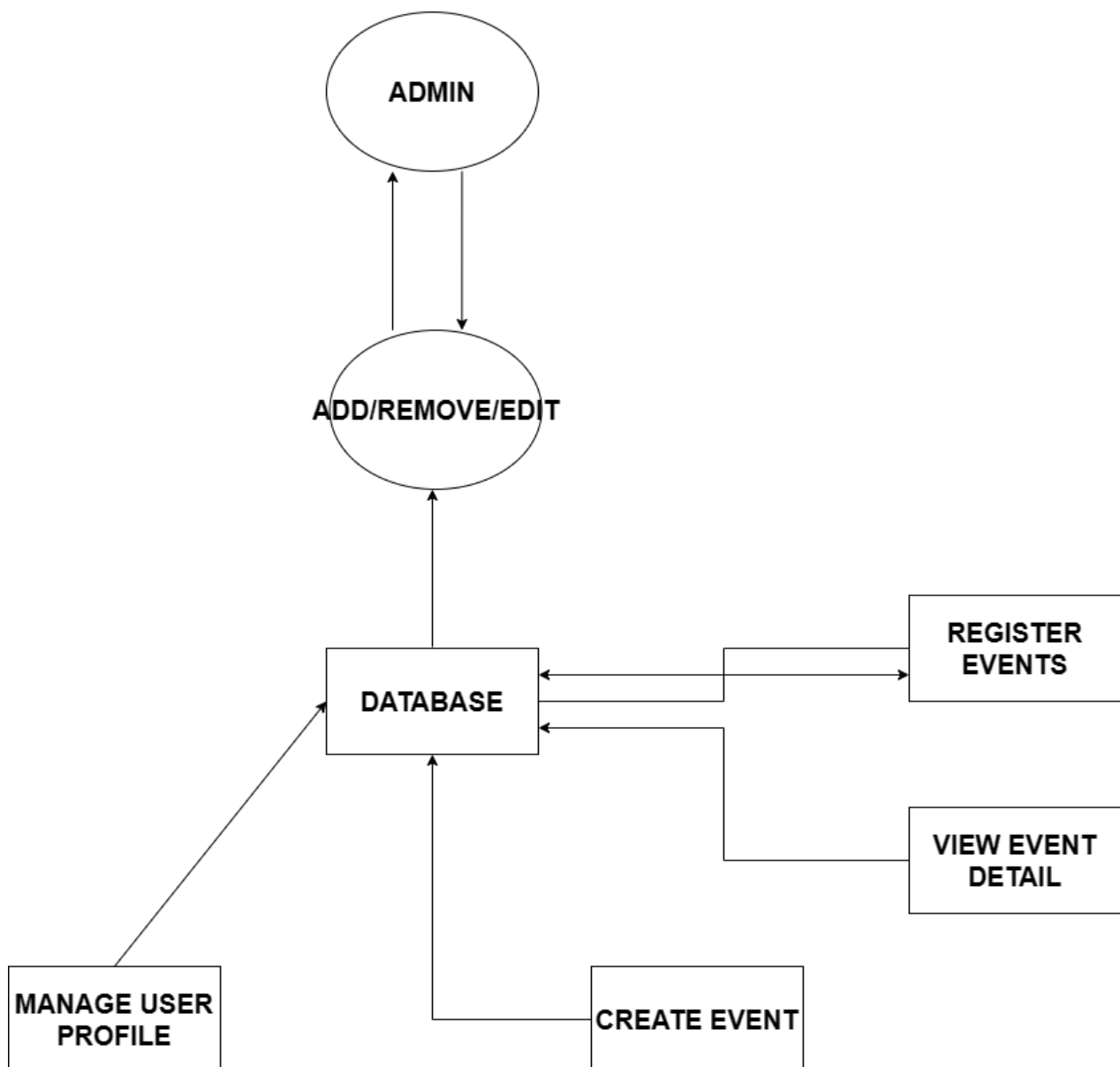
6.1.4 Flow Chart

Flow Chart

A flow chart is a pictorial representation of an algorithm that uses boxes on different shapes to denote different type of instructions. The actual instructions are written with in these boxes using clear and concise statements. These boxes are connected by arrows to indicate the flow of operations. The exact sequence in which the instructions are executed. The flow chart can be used to convert the statement or series of steps in programming language statements.

1. ⬭ :- This symbol is used to indicate the beginning end of the program logic.

2. ▱ :- This is used to denote any type of input and output statement.

3 ▭ **:-** Processing symbols used in a flow chart to represent arithmetic and other expression statements.

4 ◇ **:-** This symbol is used to indicate a point at which a decision has to be made. This symbol shows to alternative paths to represent the actions to be taken when the condition is true or false.

5 → :- flow lines with arrow heads are used to indicate the flow operation or to represent the sequence of flow of instructions.
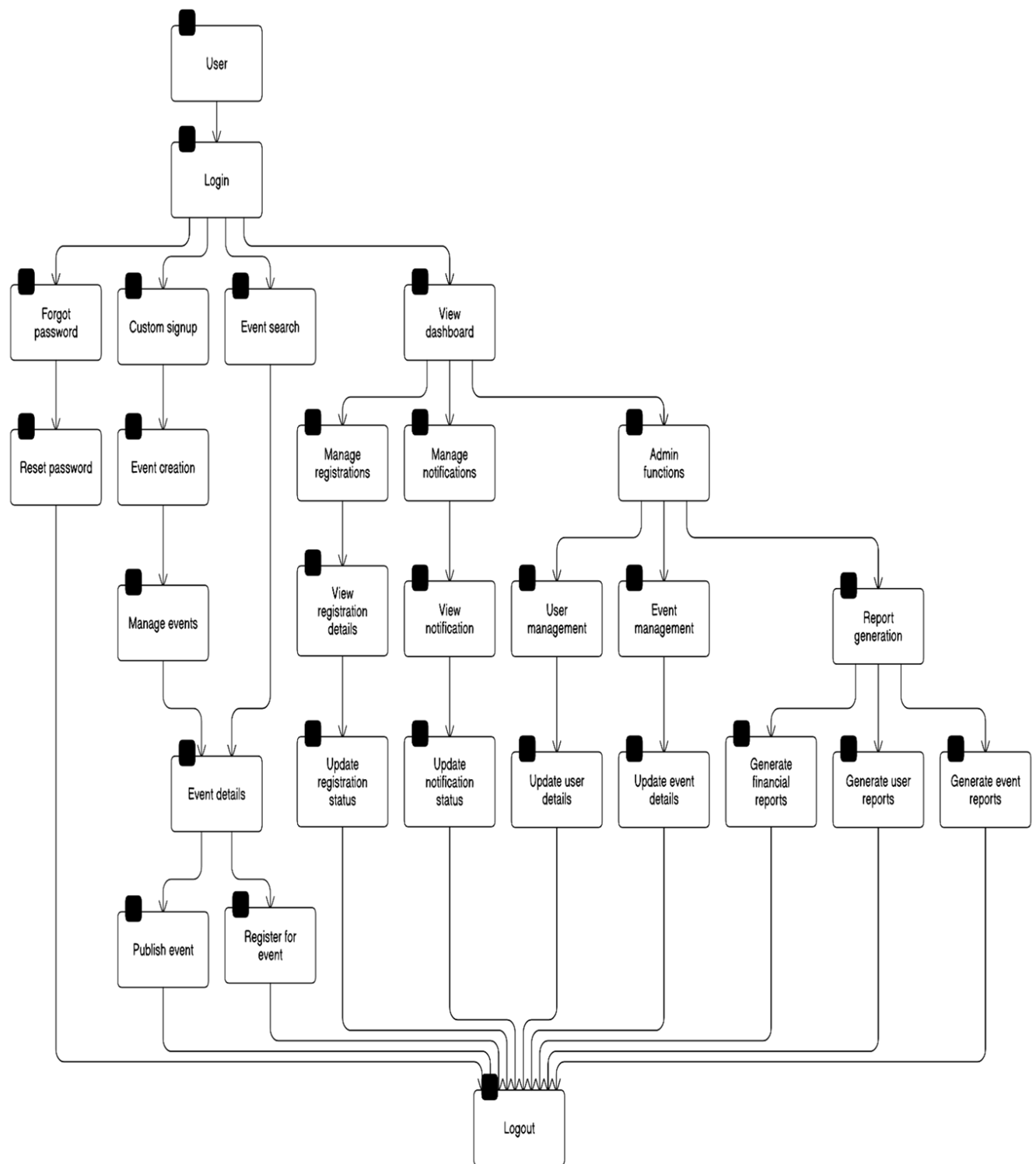
Flow Chart

6.1.5 ER Diagram

ER diagrams show all the relationships between entity sets stored in the database. It illustrates the logical structure of the database. It helps to visualize how data is connected in general ways.
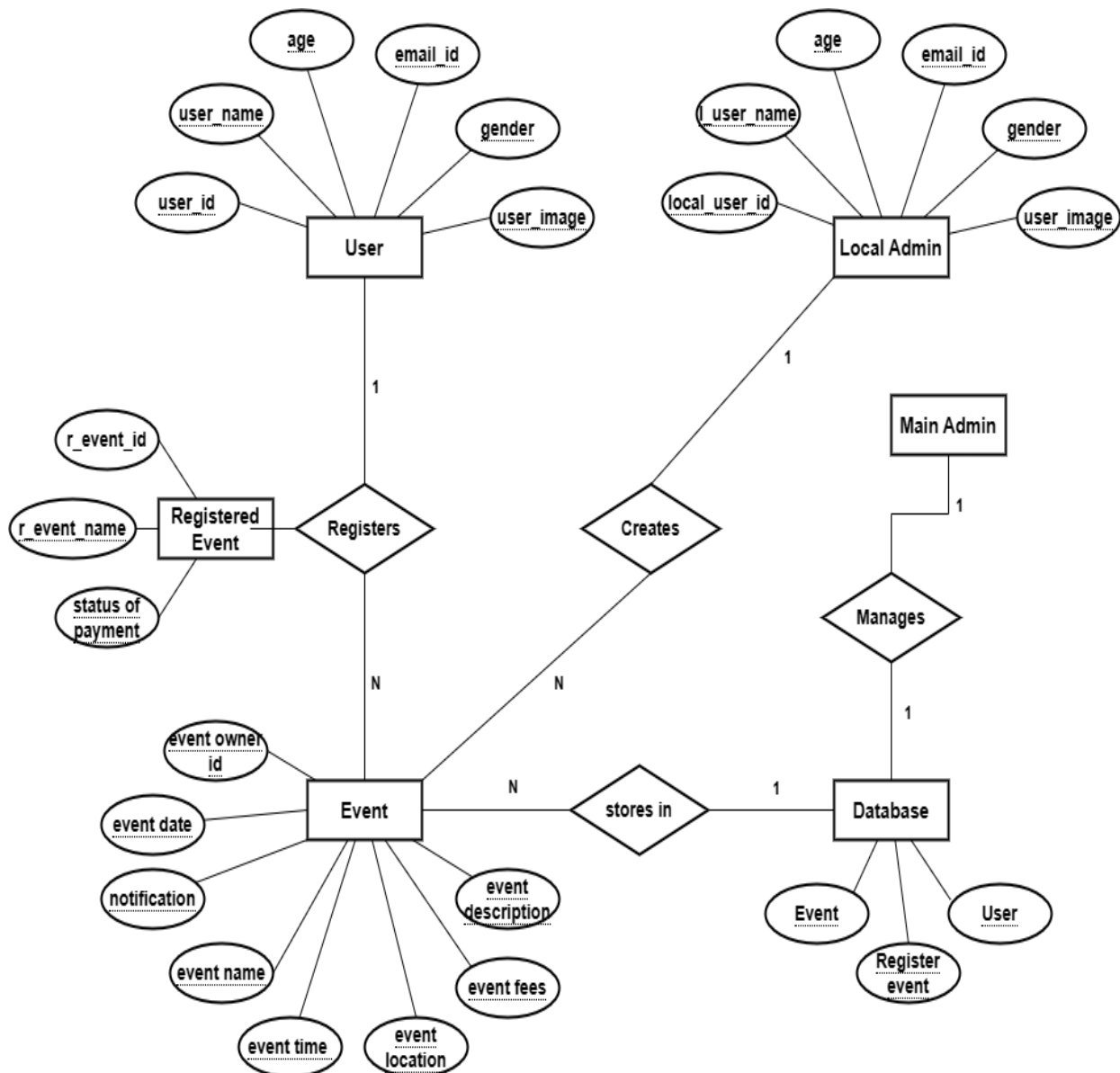
ER Diagram

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IMPLEMENTATION

7.1 PROCESSING MODEL USED : Agile model

The agile SDLC model is a combination of iterative and incremental process models with a focus on process adaptability and customer satisfaction by rapid delivery of working software products. Agile Methods break the product into small incremental builds. These builds are provided in iterations. Each iteration typically lasts from about one to three weeks. Every iteration involves cross-functional teams working simultaneously on various areas like-

- Planning
- Requirement Analysis
- Design
- Coding
- Unit Testing
- Acceptance Testing

The agile model believes that every project needs to be handled differently and the existing methods need to be tailored to best suit the project requirements. In Agile, the tasks are divided into time boxes (small time frames) to deliver specific features for a release.

An iterative approach is taken and a working software build is delivered after each iteration. Each build is incremental in terms of features; the final build holds all the features required by the customer.

The Agile thought process started early in software development and started becoming popular with time due to its flexibility and adaptability.

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LIST OF TABLES

Data Dictionary

Table Name: Event

Field name	Data Type	Length	Key
EVENT NAME	STRING	DYNAMIC	PRIMARY KEY
EVENT ADDRESS	STRING	DYNAMIC	-
EVENT OWNER	STRING	DYNAMIC	-
EVENT STATE	STRING	DYNAMIC	-
+ EVENT DATE	STRING	DYNAMIC	-
Event Start Time	STRING	DYNAMIC	-
Event End Time	STRING	DYNAMIC	-
EVENT DESCRIPTION	STRING	DYNAMIC	-
EVENT UPI	STRING	DYNAMIC	
EVENT FEES	STRING	DYNAMIC	-
EVENT IMAGE	STRING	DYNAMIC	-
EVENT LOCATION	STRING	DYNAMIC	-
NOTIFICATION	STRING	DYNAMIC	-

Table Name: Register Event

Fieldname	Data Type	Key
EVENT USER	STRING	PRIMARY
REGISTER EVENT NAME	STRING	-
Event User Name	STRING	-
Notification R	STRING	-
STATUS OF PAYMENT	STRING	-

Table Name: User

Fieldname	Data Type	Key
USER	STRING	primary
NAME	STRING	-
AGE	STRING	-
PASSWORD	STRING	-
REGISTERED EVENT	STRING	-
GENDER	STRING	-
EMAIL ID	STRING	-
USER IMAGE	STRING	-

Database Screenshots:

Event

Register Event
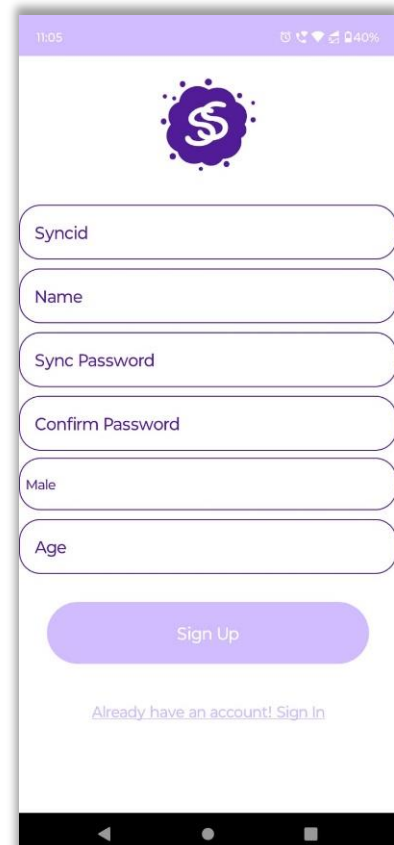
User

DEMONSTRATION / SCREENSHOT

8.1 HOME SCREEN

This screen serves as the main landing page of the application, providing an overview of the available features such as create event button, QR scanner, notification button, user profile .
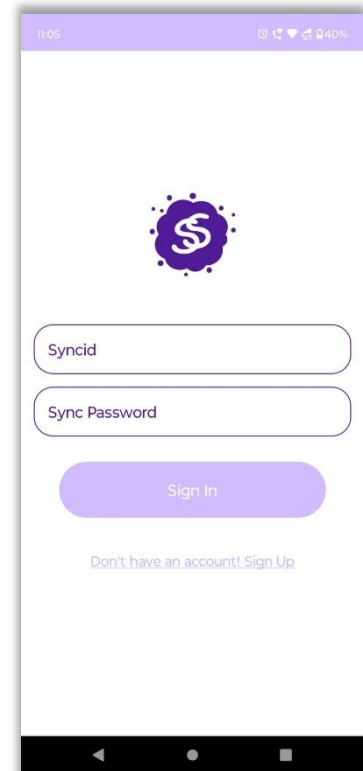

8.2 SIGNUP SCREEN

Users can create a new account on this screen by providing necessary information like name, email, password, gender, and age.
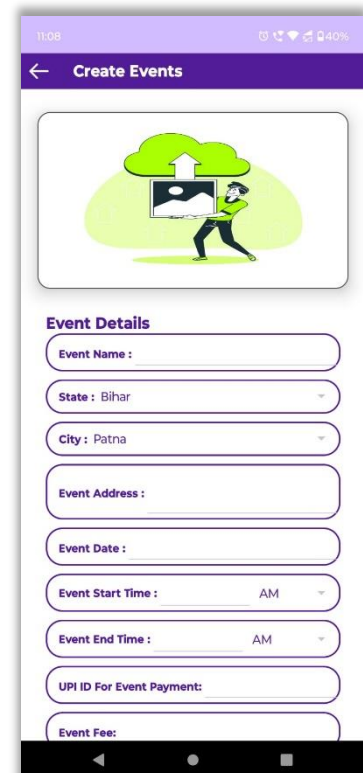
8.3 SIGN IN

Users can log in to their accounts by entering their credentials, such as email and password.
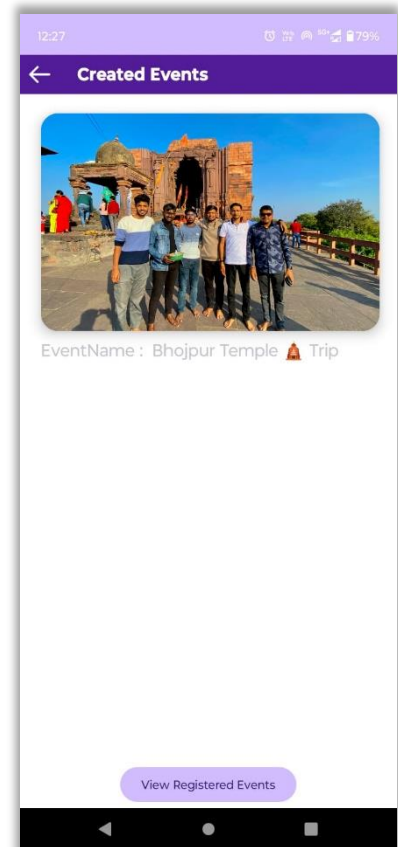

8.4 CREATE EVENTS

Local Admin can create one or more number of events as per their choice. He/she can provide name of the event, location , time , fees and payment detail through this screen.
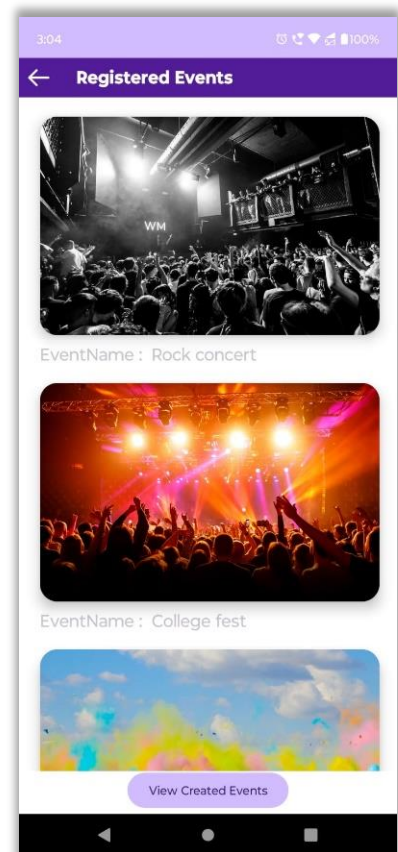
8.5 CREATED EVENTS

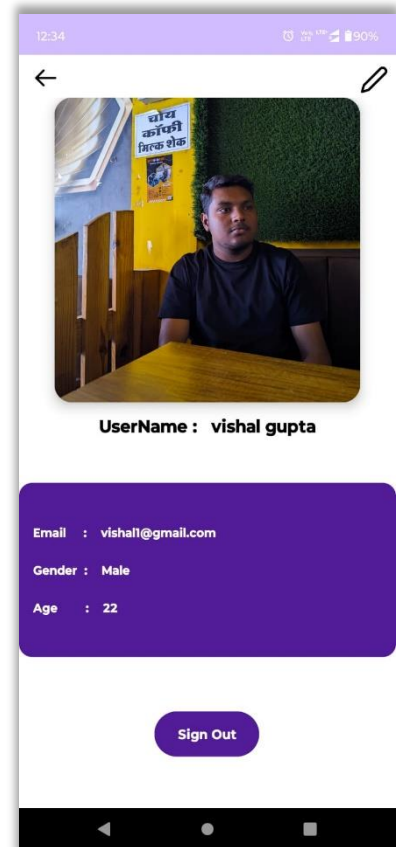This screen shows all the events created by the local admin.

8.6 REGISTERED EVENTS

Users can view a list of events they have registered for on this screen.

8.7 USER PROFILE

This screen displays the user's profile information and give option to update profile information.
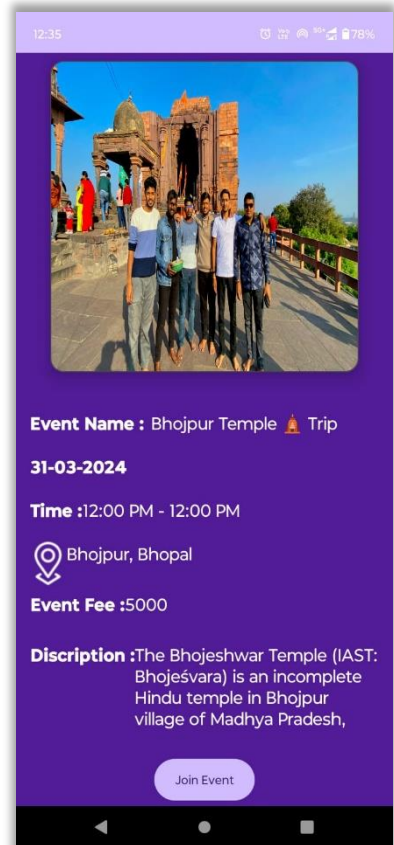
8.8 UPDATE PROFILE

Users can update their profile information (e.g., name, profile picture) on this screen.

8.9 EVENT DETAILS

Users can view detailed information about a specific event on this screen, such as event name, date, time, location, description, fees etc. They can register and generate event pass from this screen

8.11 QR SCANNER

This screen allows local admin who has created an event to scan QR codes using their device's camera. Registered users will have to show their passes with qr code at the time of entry.
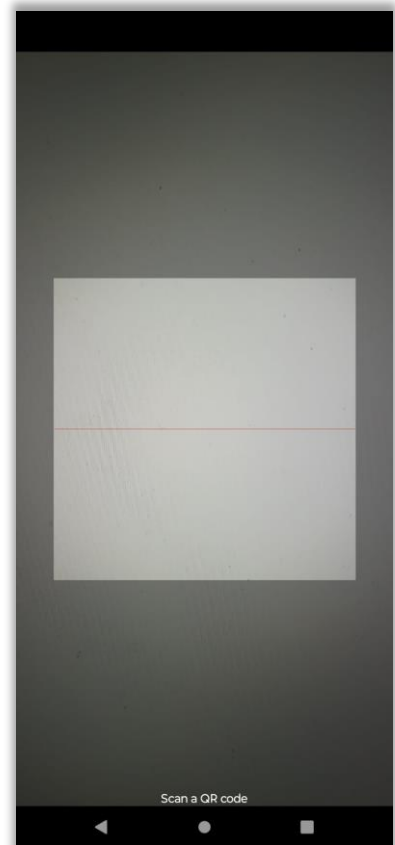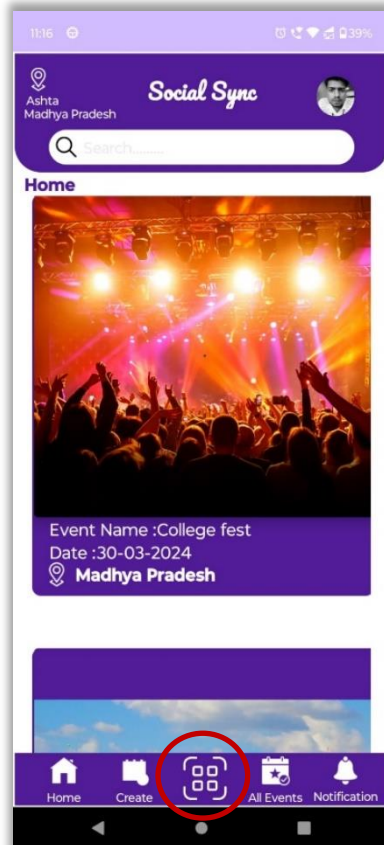
8.12 NOTIFICATIONS

This screen displays notifications/alerts to the users and local admins such as event creation, event registration etc
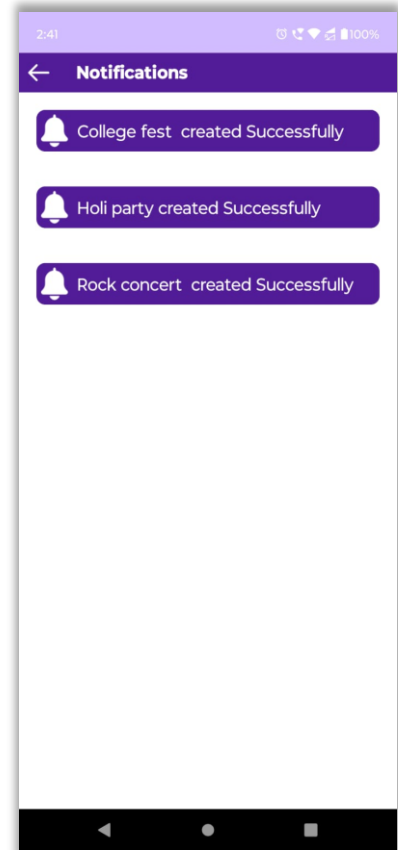
8.13 EVENT PASS

After registering to an event , user can generate event pass which need to be scanned at the time of entry in that specific event.
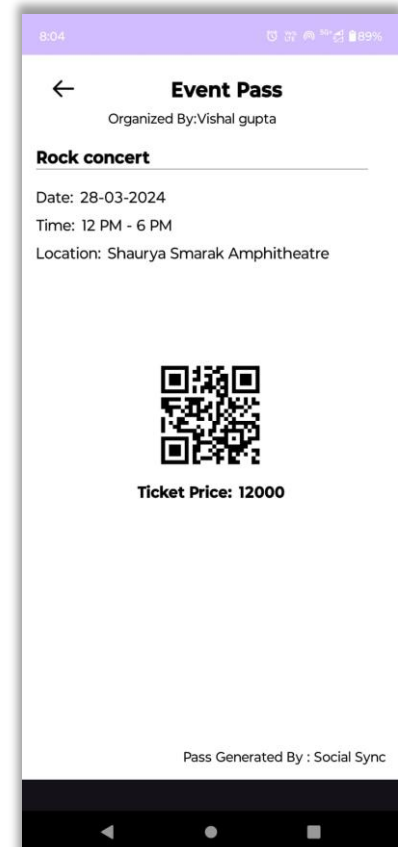
8.14 SCANNED PASS

After Scanning the pass, event organiser can validate the user if he is registered for the event or not.

UserName : Shivam Jaiswal

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SYSTEM TESTING

Testing is the process of evaluating a system or its components with the intent to find whether it satisfies the specified requirements or not. This activity results in the actual, expected and the difference between their results i.e., testing is executing a system to identify any gaps, errors, or missing requirements contrary to the actual desire or requirements.

Testing strategies

To make sure that the system does not have any errors, the different levels of testing strategies that are applied at different phases of software development are : -

Unit Testing

The goal of unit testing is to isolate each part of the program and show that individual parts are correct in terms of requirements and functionality.

Integration testing

The testing of combined parts of an application to determine if they function correctly together is Integration testing. This testing can be done by using two different methods.

Top-down integration testing

In Top-Down integration testing, the highest-level modules are tested first, and then progressively lower-level modules are tested.

Bottom-up integration testing

Testing can be performed starting from the smallest and lowest level modules and proceeding one at a time. When bottom-level modules are tested attention turns to those on the next level that use the lower-level ones they are tested individually and then linked with the previously examined lower-level modules. In a comprehensive software development environment, bottom-up testing is usually done first, followed by top-down testing.

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CONCLUSION AND FUTURE SCOPE

10.1 FUTURE SCOPE

The Social Sync Android application lays a solid foundation for seamless integration of newcomers into a new city. While the current version of the application meets the initial objectives and requirements, there are several avenues for future enhancement and expansion:

- **Enhanced Personalization:** Introduce more advanced personalization features based on user behavior, preferences, and feedback. This could include personalized event recommendations, tailored notifications, and dynamic content based on user interests.

- **Augmented Reality (AR) Integration:** Explore the integration of AR technology to enhance the user experience. AR features could include interactive maps for event venues, virtual tours of local attractions, and immersive experiences for club activities.

- **Social Networking Features:** Extend the application to include social networking features such as user profiles, friend connections, messaging, and activity feeds. This would foster community engagement and facilitate connections among users with shared interests.

- **Integration with Local Businesses:** Collaborate with local businesses and establishments to integrate promotional offers, discounts, and deals within the application. This would provide added value to users and incentivize engagement with the platform.

10.2 Remaining Areas working on

While the Social Sync application has achieved significant milestones, there are still areas that require further refinement and optimization:

- **User Feedback and Iteration**: Continuously gather user feedback through surveys, reviews, and analytics data to identify areas for improvement. Iterate on the application based on user input to enhance usability, performance, and overall user satisfaction.

- **Bug Fixing and Quality Assurance**: Conduct regular testing and debugging to identify and resolve any software bugs, glitches, or performance issues. Implement rigorous quality assurance processes to ensure the application's stability and reliability.

- **Security Enhancements**: Strengthen the application's security measures to protect user data, transactions, and privacy. Implement encryption, authentication, and authorization mechanisms to safeguard sensitive information and prevent unauthorized access.

- **Scalability and Performance Optimization**: Optimize the application's architecture, database queries, and network requests to improve scalability and performance. Ensure that the application can handle increased user traffic and data volume as it grows in popularity.

- **Accessibility and Inclusivity:** Enhance the application's accessibility features to ensure that it can be used by individuals with disabilities or special needs. Implement support for screen readers, voice commands, and other assistive technologies to make the app more inclusive and accessible to all users.

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