Build a Chat Screen

Native App Development

Time: 60 mins

Introduction

In this class, the student(s) will learn to create chat functionality in the BriskMed app. Student(s) will also learn to create connections in the database between two users (*doctor and patient*). Student(s) will also learn to add navigation to the chat screen and also display the list of connections on a screen.

New Commands Introduced

<Avatar>
The component used to display the profile picture of a user.

firebase.database.ref()
The method is used to create a reference in the database..

update()
The method is used to update the values in the database.

Vocabulary

• Connections: An association or relationship between two or more people or things.

Learning Objectives

student(s) should be able to:

- **Recall** the concept booking an appointment in the briskmed app.
- **Demonstrate** how the chat functionality works.
- Explain how the logic for the chat functionality works .
- Illustrate how a user navigates to chat screen and how the connection is created in the database.

Activities

- 1. Class Narrative: (2 mins)
 - Brief the student(s) that they will be exploring the chat functionality of the BriskMed app.
 - The connections in the database will be created based on the user type...
- 2. Concept Introduction Activity: (5 mins)
 - Let the student(s) explore the chat functionality in the BriskMed app.

- Make student(s) sign in as a Patient as well as a Doctor to understand the difference between the navigation to chat screen based on the user..
- Ask student(s) to observe how the navigation is done between the screens.
- Ask student(s) to notice how the doctor gets added to the list of doctors.
- Using the slides, explain that the student(s) will learn to:
 - Navigate to Chat Screen
 - Connect the User Chats
 - Display the Chat List

3. Activity 1: Navigate to Chat Screen: (12 mins)

Teacher Activity: (6 mins)

- Explain to the student(s) how to the navigation works from Home screen to Chat room to Chat list.
- Demonstrate to the student(s) how to create the redirectToChatScreen function and navigate to the chat stack and open a screen from it and pass the required parameters to it.
- Explain how an object with 'screen' and 'params' can be passed as a parameter to the Chat Stack navigation.
- Demonstrate to the student(s) how to add the user profile image and name on the chat screen.
- Explain to the student how to use the Avatar component to display the user profile picture.

Student Activity: (6 mins)

- Facilitate the student(s) by explaining the expectations from this activity.
- Guide the student(s) to create the 'redirectToChatScreen()' function to navigate to the chat stack and open the chat screen from it.
- Guide the student(s) to display the profile picture and user name on the chat screen.
- Guide the student(s) to navigate back to 'UserList' screen

4. Activity 2: Connect the User Chats: (12 mins)

Teacher Activity: (6 mins)

- Explain how the chat functionality works at the backend of the app.
- Explain how the chat reference is created in database to save the chats and push method is used to store the new chat message.
- Explain how every chat has an unique chat id to store the chats between two set of users as there are multiple users and chats should not mix up.
- Explain how the connections are created in the 'patients' collection using the fellowUserId (doctor's id) and chat id.
- Demonstrate to the student(s) to create the connection only when there are no connections for the user or no connection with the fellow user.
- Demonstrate to the student(s) how to update the chats quickly on the chat screen.

Student Activity: (6 mins)

• Guide the student(s) to create the connections in 'doctors' collection using userId (patient's id) and chat id.

5. Activity 3: Display the Chat List: (8 mins)

Student Activity: (8 mins)

- Inform the student(s) that all the users(doctors) are being displayed in the list.
- Guide the student(s) to add a condition to display only the users (doctors) who have connection with current user.
- Guide the student(s) how to update the chats quickly on the chat screen.

6. Introduce the Post class project: (2 min)

- Inform the student(s) that users are already created in the database.
- Student(s) need to debug the code to avoid multiple connections for same set of users.

7. Test and Summarize the class learnings: (5 mins)

- Check for understanding through quizzes and summarize learnings after the respective activities.
- Summarize the overall class learning towards the end of the class.

8. Additional activities:

- Encourage the student(s) to open the chat screen from the appointment screen.
- Encourage the student(s) to debug the app code to avoid creating connections for same set of users.

9. State the Next Class Objective: (1 min)

• We will enable chat feature and send the chat messages.

U.S. Standards:

CSTA: 2-AP-11, 2-AP-12, 2-AP-13, 2-AP-14, 2-AP-19

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Class Presentation	Build a Chat Screen	https://s3-whjr-curriculum-uploads.whj r.online/52c5bd41-0088-4076-90cb-3c 678d7d68f5.html	
Explore Activity	Build a Chat Screen	https://snack.expo.dev/@procodingclass/wad-402-c62-sa3-display-the-chat-list?platform=web	
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