

Chapter 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1. Problem Specification

The fast-paced modern lifestyle has led to an increased demand for convenient and time-saving services. One of the everyday tasks that often becomes cumbersome is laundry. People find it challenging to take time out of their busy schedules to do laundry or drop off and pick up their clothes from laundry service providers. This inconvenience has motivated us to develop the "Laundry Express" app, a mobile application that streamlines laundry services for modern lifestyles.

The Laundry Express app aims to provide users with a seamless and user-friendly experience to schedule laundry services from their smartphones or other mobile devices. By offering laundry pickup and delivery, dry cleaning, and related services, the app aims to make laundry chores hassle-free and time-efficient for its users.

1.2. Objectives

The main objectives of the "Laundry Express" project are as follows:

1. To develop a mobile application using React Native with Expo that allows users to schedule laundry services conveniently from their smartphones.
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3. To provide users with a range of laundry services, including laundry pickup, delivery, and dry cleaning options.
4. To create a user-friendly interface that simplifies the process of selecting services, choosing pickup and delivery timings, and making payments.
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1.4. Organization Of Project Report

Chapter 1: Introduction

In this chapter, the project is introduced, and the problem specification is clearly defined. The objectives of the project are outlined, including the scope of the app development. Additionally, the structure of the project report is briefly summarized.

Chapter 2: Background

This chapter delves into the existing systems in the laundry service industry, both manual and digital. The pros and cons of these systems are discussed to highlight the need for the "Laundry Express" app. The supporting literature that guided the project, including theoretical, methodological, and technological knowledge, is also presented in this chapter.

Chapter 3: System Analysis & Design

The technology and tools used in the development of the "Laundry Express" app are discussed in this chapter, covering the software and hardware requirements. The system design is presented through various diagrams, including the system architecture, use case diagram, context level diagram (DFD-1), data flow diagram, database schema, and algorithms/flowcharts.

Chapter 4: Implementation

This chapter focuses on the actual implementation of the project. It discusses both the front-end and back-end design of the app. The user interface design approach and the development of functionalities using CRUD operations are explained. The modules and features of the "Laundry Express" app are listed and described in this chapter.

Chapter 5: User Manual

This chapter provides detailed instructions for users on how to set up and run the "Laundry Express" app successfully. It includes the hardware and software requirements, as well as user interfaces for different modules of the app. Sample login credentials are also provided.

Chapter 6: Conclusion

The project concludes with a brief summary of the findings, learnings, and opinions from the development process. The limitations of the app are acknowledged, and potential future works to enhance the app are listed.

Chapter 2

BACKGROUND

2.1. Existing System Analysis

In the existing laundry service industry, there are both manual and digital systems in operation.

Manual System: In the manual system, customers typically visit a physical laundromat or laundry service center to drop off their laundry. The laundry staff processes the laundry manually, including sorting, washing, drying, and folding. Customers return to the center to collect their cleaned clothes once the laundry is done. The manual system's pros and cons are as follows:

Pros:

1. **Face-to-face interaction:** Customers can directly communicate their specific preferences or instructions to the laundry staff.
2. **Immediate access:** Customers can get their laundry cleaned and returned on the same day in some cases, especially for smaller loads.
3. **Direct oversight:** Customers can visually inspect the facilities and cleanliness of the laundry center.

Cons:

1. **Time-consuming:** Customers need to physically travel to the laundry center twice, which can be inconvenient, especially for busy individuals.
2. **Limited hours of operation:** Laundry centers may have fixed operating hours, making it challenging for customers with busy schedules.
3. **No online convenience:** The manual system lacks the convenience of scheduling laundry services and making payments online.

Digital System: Digital laundry service platforms are emerging, allowing customers to schedule laundry services through mobile apps or websites. These platforms provide pickup and delivery options and often partner with local laundry service providers. The pros and cons of digital laundry systems are as follows:

Pros:

1. **Convenience:** Customers can schedule laundry services from the comfort of their homes through a mobile app, eliminating the need for physical visits.
2. **Time-saving:** The pickup and delivery service saves customers time and effort, making it ideal for busy individuals.

Cons:

1. **Dependency on logistics:** Digital systems rely on logistics for pickup and delivery, and any delays in these processes can affect customer satisfaction.
2. **Limited coverage:** Some digital laundry platforms may have limited coverage areas, restricting access for customers outside these regions.
3. **Trust issues:** Customers may be concerned about the safety and handling of their clothes when relying on third-party laundry providers.

2.2. Supporting Literatures

For the development of the "Laundry Express" app, we have applied the following theoretical, methodological, and technological knowledge:

Theoretical Knowledge:

1. **User Experience (UX) Design:** To create an intuitive and user-friendly interface, we studied UX design principles to ensure smooth app navigation and a pleasant user experience.
2. **Mobile App Development Concepts:** We delved into mobile app development concepts to understand the fundamentals of building responsive and efficient applications.

Methodological Knowledge:

1. **Agile Software Development:** We adopted Agile methodologies to manage the project efficiently, allowing for iterative development and continuous improvements based on user feedback.

Tools & Technological Knowledge:

1. **React Native with Expo :** We chose React Native with Expo for cross-platform app development, enabling us to build the app for both iOS and Android platforms using a single codebase.
2. **Google Firebase:** We utilized Google Firebase for the app's backend to handle user authentication and store user data securely in the cloud.

The chosen tools and technologies are well-suited for this project because they offer rapid development, scalability, and the ability to create a user-friendly mobile app accessible to a broad audience. React Native with Expo allows for efficient code writing and maintenance, while Google Firebase provides a reliable and secure backend infrastructure. The integration of an online payment system ensures smooth and secure transactions for users.

Chapter 3

SYSTEM ANALYSIS & DESIGN

3.1. Technology & Tools

For the development of the "Laundry Express" app, the following tools and technologies were utilized:

Software Requirements:

1. **Code Editor:** Visual Studio Code .
2. **Expo CLI:** A command-line tool for React Native app development.
3. **Node.js:** A JavaScript runtime environment .
4. **Google Firebase:** A cloud-based platform for authentication and database management.

Hardware Requirements:

1. Personal Computer or Laptop with a minimum specification to support the development environment.

Other Technologies:

1. **React Native:** A popular JavaScript framework for building cross-platform mobile applications.
2. **React Navigation:** A library for implementing navigation and routing in React Native apps.
3. **Firebase Authentication:** To handle user registration, login, and authentication securely.
4. **Firebase Realtime Database:** To store and retrieve user data and laundry service details.

3.2. Model & Diagram

3.2.1. Model (SDLC/Agile/Waterfall/OOM)

The "Laundry Express" project adopted the Agile Software Development model. This choice was made because the Agile model promotes iterative development and continuous feedback from stakeholders, allowing for frequent adjustments and improvements. The Agile model's efficiency lies in its flexibility to accommodate changing requirements and its ability to deliver a functional product in incremental stages, ensuring a more responsive and user-centric development process.

3.2.2. System Architecture

The system architecture of the "Laundry Express" app outlines the high-level abstract representation of the app's component architecture and how these components interact to deliver the desired functionality. The system architecture diagram provides a visual overview of the app's structure, showing the relationships and interactions between different modules and components.

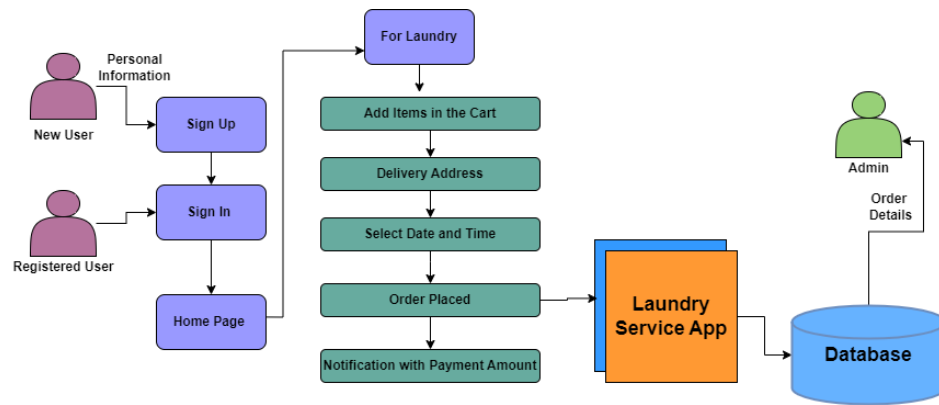


Figure 3. 1 System Architecture

3.2.3. Use Case Diagram

A use case diagram is a visual representation that illustrates the interactions between different actors (users) and the system (the "Laundry Express" app). It depicts the various use cases (actions or functionalities) that the users can perform within the app. Below is the use case diagram for the "Laundry Express" app:

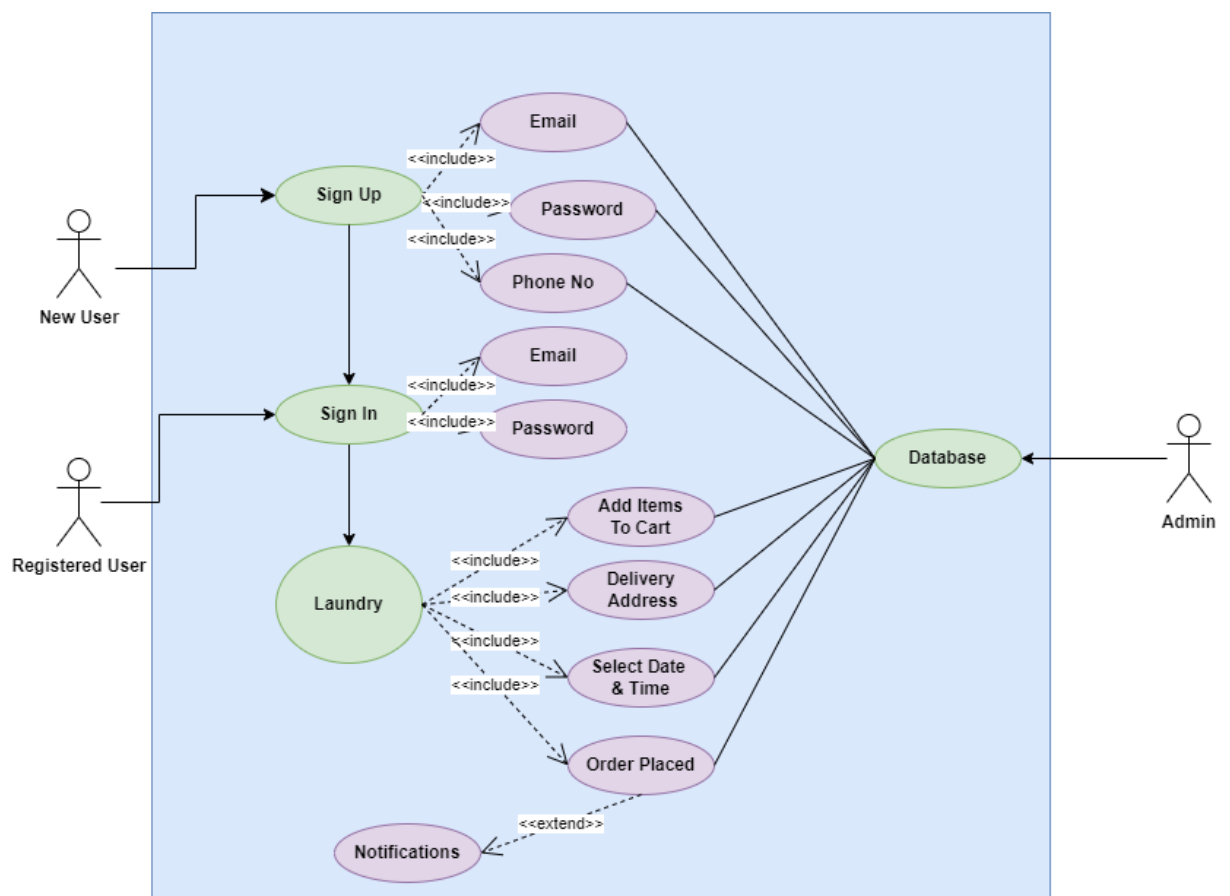


Figure 3. 2 Use Case Diagram

3.2.4. Context Level Diagram

A context level diagram, also known as DFD-0 (Data Flow Diagram level 0), provides a high-level overview of the "Laundry Express" app's interactions with external entities. It represents the system as a single process and shows the flow of data between the system and external actors. Below is the context level diagram for the "Laundry Express" app:

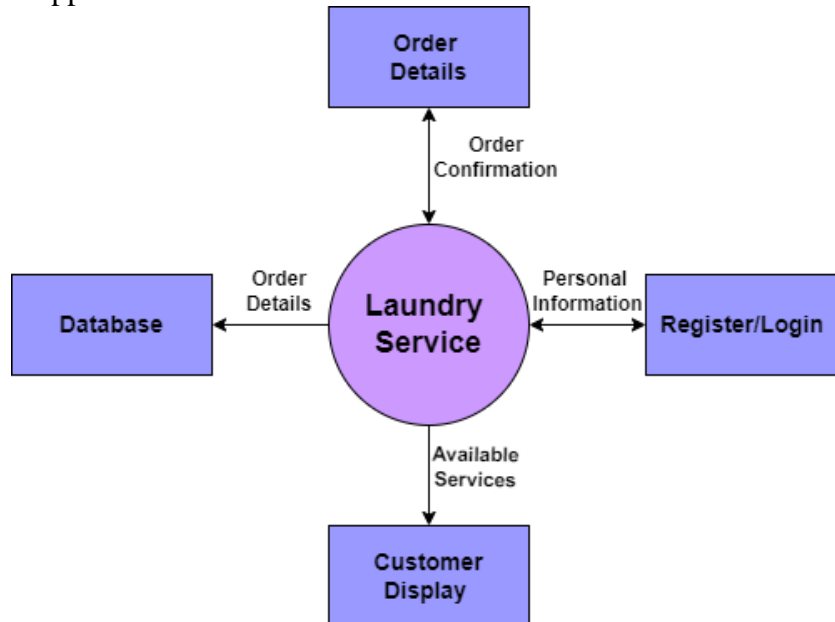


Figure 3. 3 Context Level Diagram

3.2.5. Data Flow Diagram

A data flow diagram (DFD) provides a graphical representation of how data flows within a system, showing the processes, data stores, and data flows between different components. Below is the level-1 data flow diagram for the "Laundry Express" app:

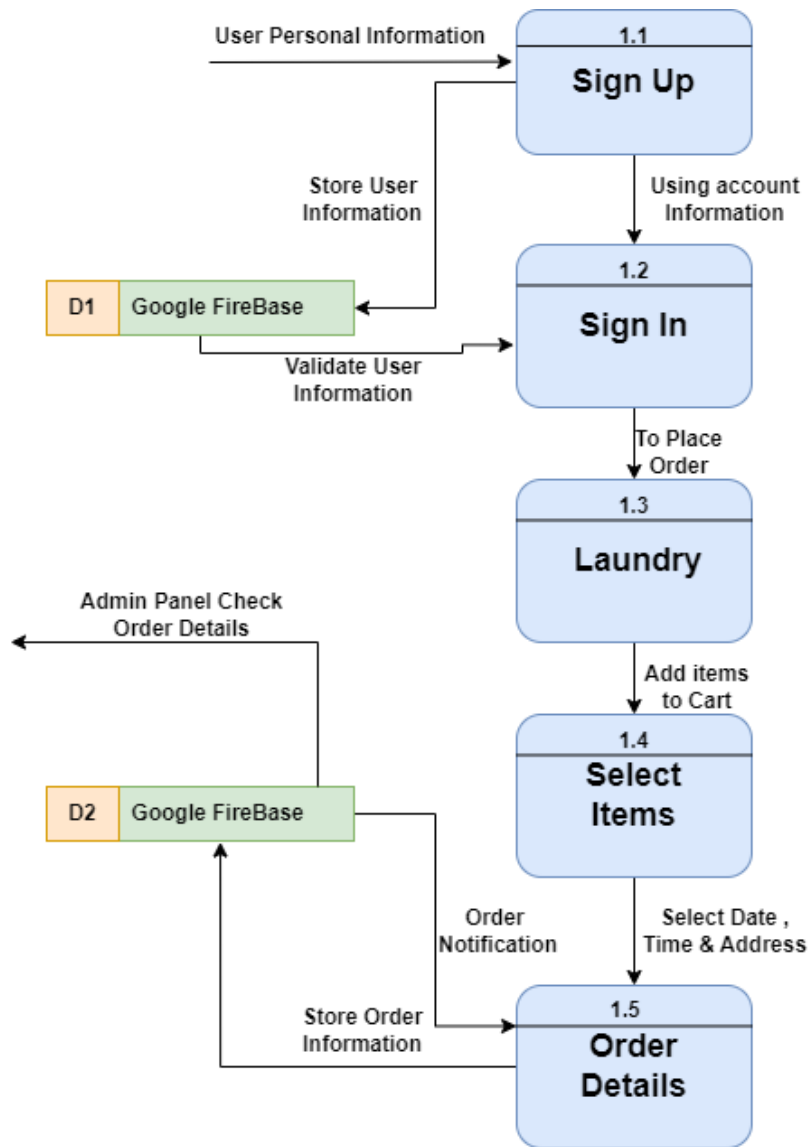


Figure 3. 4 Data Flow Diagram

3.2.6. Database Schema

The development of the "Laundry Express" app followed an iterative and evolving process. As the project advanced, we recognized the need for flexibility in adjusting the database schema to accommodate new features, optimizations, and user feedback. Creating a static database schema diagram for a project in constant flux may lead to misunderstandings and misrepresentations of the actual database structure.

3.2.7. Algorithms/Flowchart

In the "Laundry Express" app, various algorithms and flowcharts are used to handle different processes and functionalities. Below is a flowchart representing the algorithm for the scheduling of laundry services in the app:

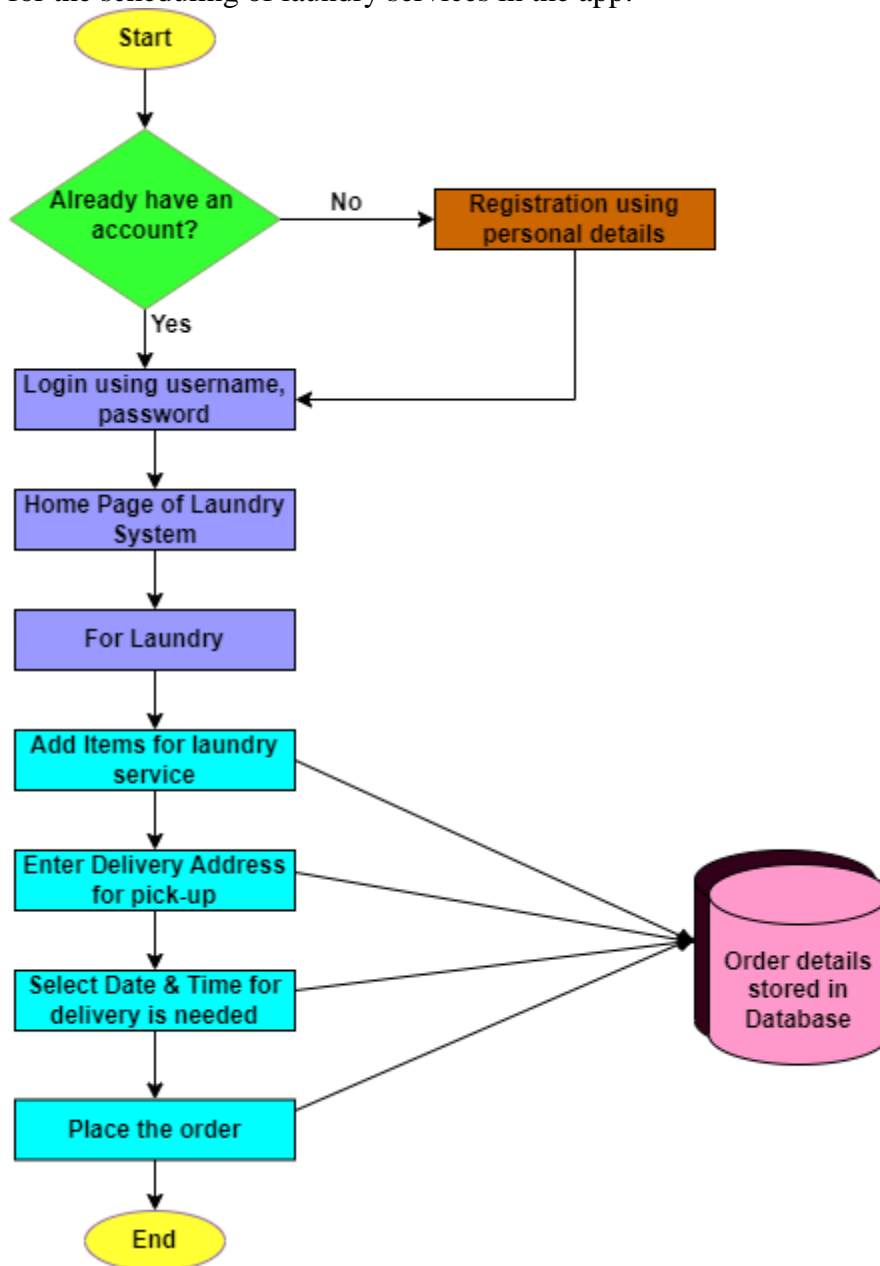


Figure 3. 5 Flowchart of the System

Chapter 4

IMPLEMENTATION

4.1. Interface/Front-End Design

The interface and front-end design of the "Laundry Express" app were meticulously crafted to provide users with a seamless and visually appealing experience. The front-end was developed using React Native with Expo CLI, enabling us to create a cross-platform mobile application with a single codebase for both iOS and Android.

User Interface Design Approach:

1. **User-Centric Approach:** The design process began with a user-centric approach, focusing on understanding the needs and preferences of our target users. We conducted user surveys and gathered feedback to ensure that the app's interface catered to their expectations and usability requirements.
2. **Intuitive Navigation:** We implemented React Navigation to create smooth and intuitive navigation within the app. Users can easily switch between different screens, view laundry service options, and manage their laundry preferences effortlessly.
3. **Consistent UI Elements:** To maintain consistency, we utilized a unified design system with consistent colors, typography, and icons throughout the app. This approach enhances the app's aesthetics and makes it easy for users to interact with the interface.
4. **Responsive Design:** The app's front-end was designed to be responsive, adapting to different screen sizes and resolutions to ensure a seamless experience across various mobile devices.

4.2. Interface/Front-End Design

The "Laundry Express" app's back-end design focused on developing robust functionalities to handle user data, authentication, and laundry service management. We leveraged Google Firebase as the back-end infrastructure for the app.

Back-End Development Approach:

1. **User Authentication:** We implemented Firebase Authentication to securely manage user registration, login, and authentication processes. This ensures that user data is protected and accessible only to authorized users.
2. **Database Management:** Firebase Realtime Database was used to store and retrieve user data and laundry service details. The database structure was optimized to efficiently manage user information, laundry orders, and transaction records.
3. **CRUD Operations:** The back-end design incorporated CRUD (Create, Read, Update, Delete) operations to handle user interactions and manage laundry service data effectively. Users can create new orders, view existing orders, update their preferences, and cancel or delete orders as needed.

4.3. Modules/Features

The "Laundry Express" app encompasses the following modules and features:

1. **User Registration and Login:** Allows users to create accounts and log in securely.

2. **Laundry Service Selection:** Displays a range of laundry services, including pickup, delivery, and dry cleaning options.
3. **Schedule and Booking:** Enables users to select laundry services, schedule pickup and delivery timings, and make reservations.
4. **Order Details:** Allows users to manage their orders, view order history.

These modules and features were carefully integrated into the app's front-end and back-end to deliver a comprehensive and user-friendly solution for modern laundry services. The implementation process adhered to best practices in mobile app development, ensuring a reliable and efficient "Laundry Express" app for users to streamline their laundry chores.

Chapter 5

USER MANUAL

5.1. System Requirement

5.1.1. Hardware Requirement

To set up and run the "Laundry Express" app successfully, it is recommended to have the following hardware configuration:

Minimum Recommended Hardware Configuration:

1. **Processor:** Dual-core processor or higher
2. **RAM:** 4 GB or higher
3. **Storage:** At least 10 GB of free disk space
4. **Display:** 1280x800 resolution or higher
5. **Internet Connectivity:** Broadband or Wi-Fi connection

5.1.2. Software Requirement

To set up and run the "Laundry Express" app successfully, ensure you have the following software installed on your development machine and target devices:

Minimum Recommended Software Configuration:

1. **Operating System (Development Machine):** Windows 10, macOS, or Linux
2. **Code Editor:** Visual Studio Code (latest version)
3. **Node.js:** Version 12.0 or higher
4. **Expo CLI:** Latest version
5. **Git:** Latest version (for version control and collaboration)
6. **Expo Go App (on Target Devices):** Download and install the Expo Go app from the respective app stores (iOS or Android).

5.2. User Interfaces

The user interfaces in the "Laundry Express" app are thoughtfully designed components that enable users to interact seamlessly with the app's features. These interfaces, such as SignUp, Login, Homepage, Add To Cart, PickUP Information, Place Order, Order Place Successfully, All Orders, User List, and Data Store, provide intuitive pathways for users to access services, manage orders, and personalize preferences, creating a user-centric and efficient platform for modern laundry management.

5.2.1. SignUp

The SignUp screen serves as the entry point for new users to join the "Laundry Express" app. It offers a streamlined and user-friendly registration process that enables individuals to create their accounts and access the app's range of laundry services.

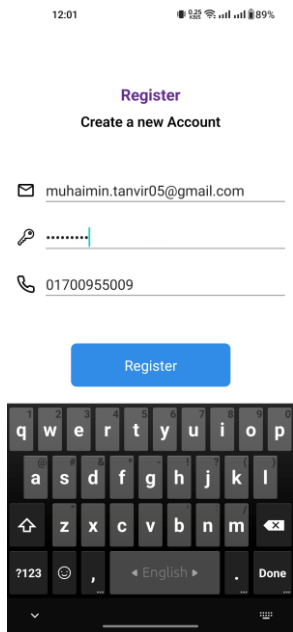


Figure 5. 1 SignUp

5.2.2. Login

The Login screen is the gateway for registered users to access their accounts within the "Laundry Express" app. This interface provides a secure and efficient way for users to log in and manage their laundry service preferences.

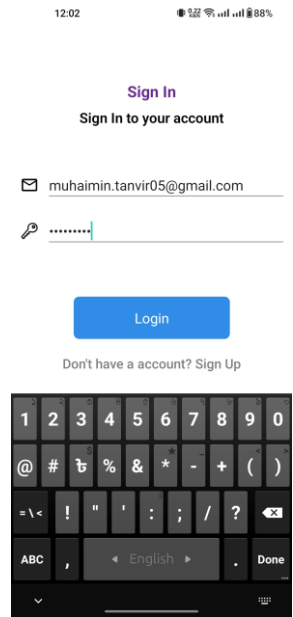


Figure 5. 2 Login

5.2.3. Homepage

The Homepage serves as the central hub of the "Laundry Express" app, providing users with a comprehensive overview of available laundry services, order status, and personalized recommendations. This interface is designed to offer a convenient and intuitive navigation experience for users.

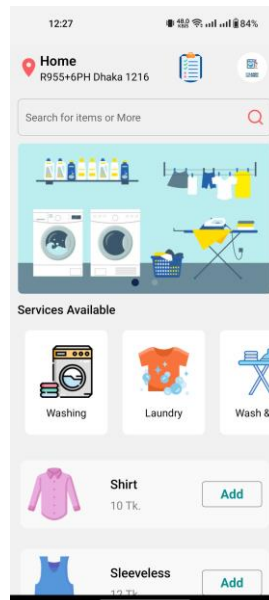


Figure 5. 3 Homepage

5.2.4. Add To Cart

The Add To Cart interface is a critical component of the "Laundry Express" app, allowing users to select and customize their preferred laundry services before confirming their orders. This interface streamlines the process of assembling a laundry service package tailored to the user's needs.

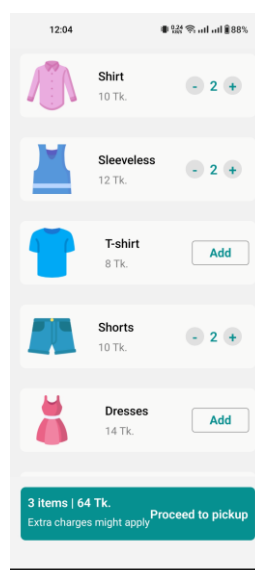
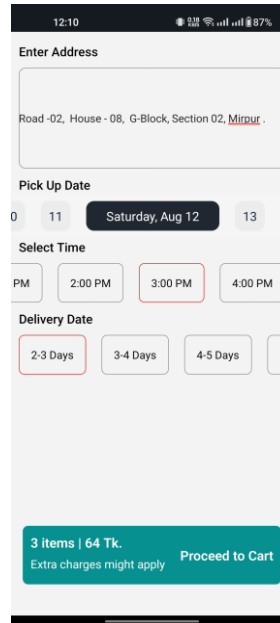


Figure 5. 4 Add to Cart

5.2.5. PickUP Information

The PickUp Information interface serves as a crucial step within the "Laundry Express" app, allowing users to provide essential details for scheduling and coordinating the pickup of their laundry. This interface ensures a seamless and efficient process for users to arrange laundry pickup services.

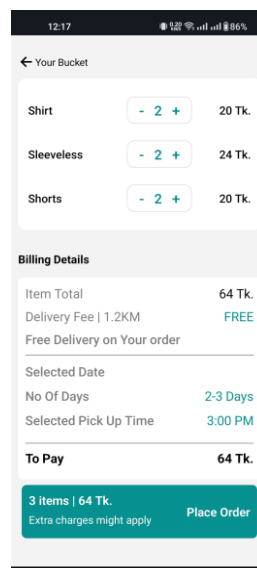


The screenshot shows the 'PickUP Information' screen. At the top, the status bar displays the time 12:10 and battery level at 87%. The main content area includes an 'Enter Address' section with a text input field containing 'Road -02, House - 08, G-Block, Section 02, Mirpur.'. Below this is a 'Pick Up Date' section with a date picker showing 'Saturday, Aug 12'. The 'Select Time' section has buttons for 'PM', '2:00 PM', '3:00 PM' (highlighted with a red border), and '4:00 PM'. The 'Delivery Date' section has buttons for '2-3 Days' (highlighted with a red border), '3-4 Days', '4-5 Days', and '5-6 Days'. At the bottom, a teal button displays '3 Items | 64 Tk.' and 'Extra charges might apply', with a 'Proceed to Cart' link.

Figure 5. 5 PickUP Information

5.2.6. Place Order

The Place Order interface marks a significant step within the "Laundry Express" app, allowing users to review and confirm their selected laundry services before finalizing their order. This interface ensures accuracy and provides users with the opportunity to make any last-minute adjustments.



The screenshot shows the 'Place Order' screen. At the top, the status bar displays the time 12:17 and battery level at 86%. The main content area is titled 'Your Bucket' and lists three items: 'Shirt' (2 items, 20 Tk.), 'Sleeveless' (2 items, 24 Tk.), and 'Shorts' (2 items, 20 Tk.). Below this is a 'Billing Details' section. It shows 'Item Total' as 64 Tk., 'Delivery Fee | 1.2KM' as FREE, and 'Free Delivery on Your order'. The 'Selected Date' is '2-3 Days' and the 'Selected Pick Up Time' is '3:00 PM'. At the bottom, a teal button displays '3 Items | 64 Tk.' and 'Extra charges might apply', with a 'Place Order' link.

Figure 5. 6 Place Order

5.2.7. Order Place Successfully

The Order Place Successfully interface serves as a gratifying conclusion within the "Laundry Express" app, providing users with confirmation that their laundry order has been successfully placed. This interface assures users that their order has been received and is being processed.

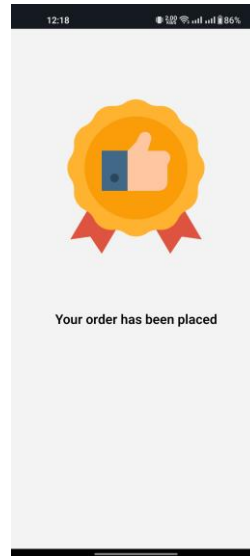


Figure 5. 7 Order Place Successfully

5.2.8. All Orders

The All Orders interface serves as a centralized hub within the "Laundry Express" app, allowing users to conveniently view and track all their previous and current laundry orders. This interface provides users with a comprehensive overview of their order history.

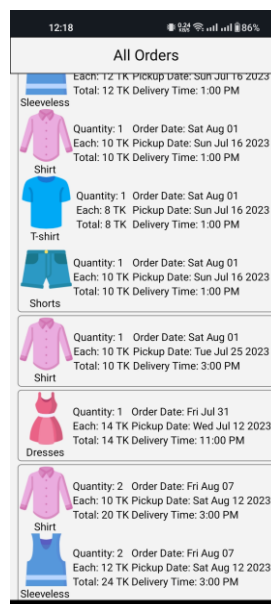


Figure 5. 8 All Orders

5.2.9. Login Credentials

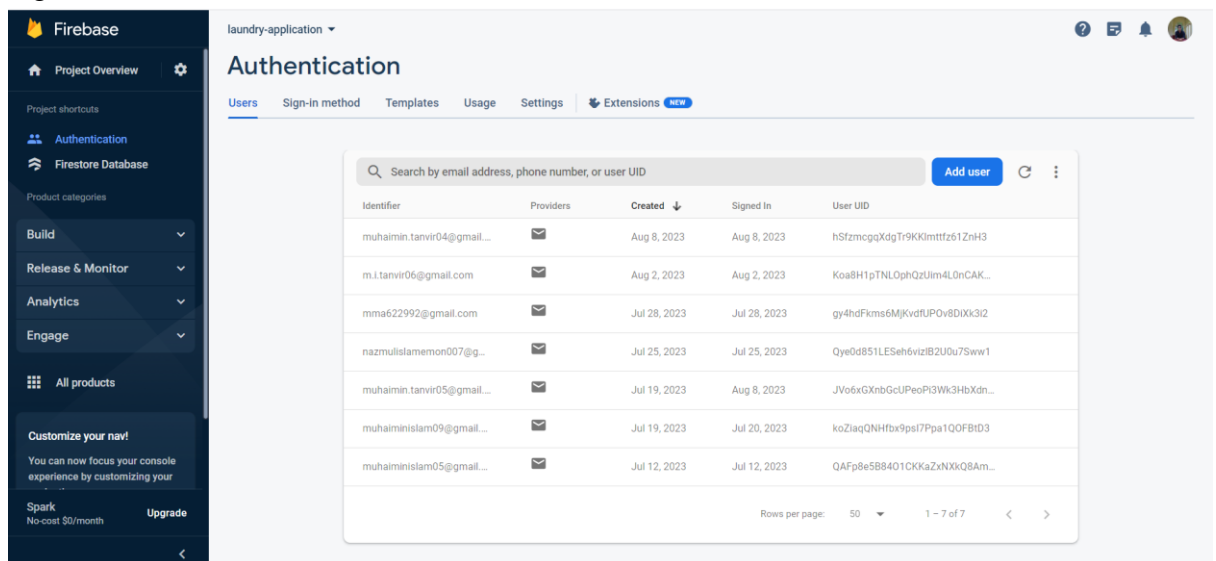
To facilitate the understanding of the "Laundry Express" app's functionalities, we provide sample login credentials that can be used for demonstration purposes. Please note that these credentials are fictitious and intended solely for the purpose of this report. They do not correspond to real user accounts or data.

Sample Customer Login Credentials:

- **Email:** muhaimin.tanvir05@gmail.com
- **Password:** 123456789

5.2.10. User List

The User List interface is a backend administrative feature within the "Laundry Express" app, providing authorized personnel with the ability to manage and view a list of registered users.



The screenshot displays the Firebase Authentication console for a project named 'laundry-application'. The left sidebar shows the navigation menu with options like Project Overview, Authentication, and Firestore Database. The main area is titled 'Authentication' and includes a search bar and an 'Add user' button. Below this is a table listing registered users with columns for Identifier, Providers, Created, Signed In, and User UID. The table contains seven entries, each with an email address, a provider icon, creation and sign-in dates, and a unique User UID. At the bottom right of the table, there is a pagination control showing 'Rows per page: 50' and '1 - 7 of 7'.

Identifier	Providers	Created	Signed In	User UID
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m.i.tanvir06@gmail.com	📧	Aug 2, 2023	Aug 2, 2023	Koa8H1pTNLOphQzUim4LnCAK...
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Figure 5. 9 User List from Database

5.2.11. Data Store

The Data Store interface serves as a vital component of the "Laundry Express" app's backend, responsible for securely storing and managing user data, laundry service details, orders, and other essential information. This interface encompasses the app's database architecture and operations.

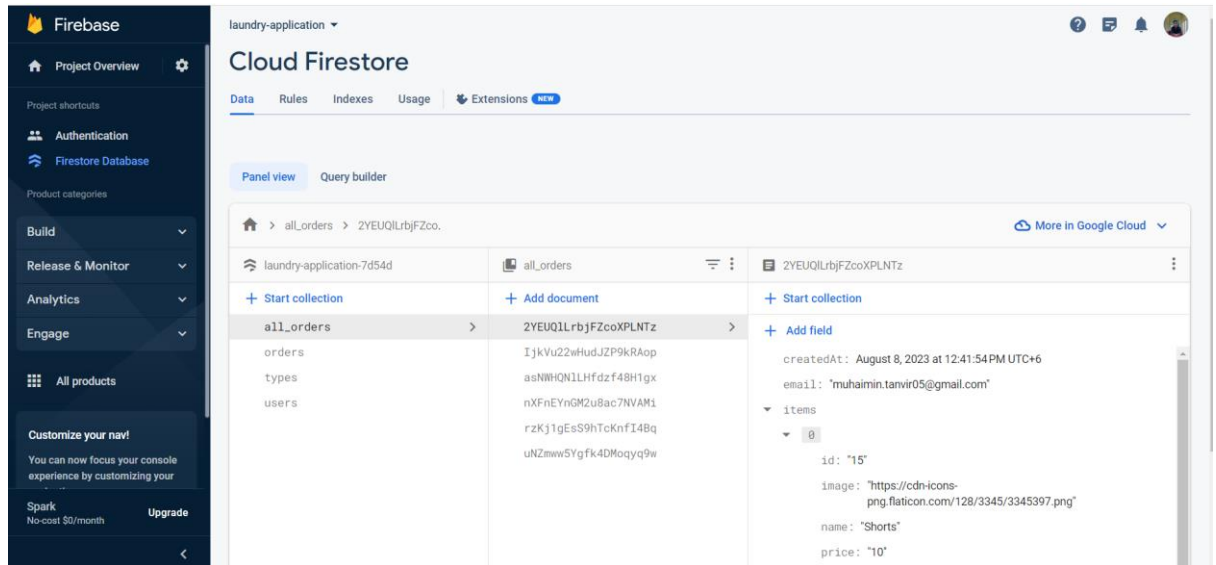


Figure 5. 10 Data Store in Google Firebase

Chapter 6

CONCLUSION

6.1. Conclusion

In conclusion, the "Laundry Express" project successfully developed a mobile application to streamline laundry services for modern lifestyles. Through the use of React Native with Expo CLI and Google Firebase, we created a user-friendly and efficient app that allows users to conveniently schedule laundry services from their smartphones. The project's objectives were achieved, providing users with a seamless experience to select laundry services, schedule pickups and track their laundry status.

Throughout the development process, we gained valuable insights into mobile app development, user interface design, and Agile Software Development methodologies. By adopting an iterative approach and seeking continuous feedback, we ensured that the app met the expectations and preferences of our target users. This project also provided us with a deeper understanding of the importance of user-centric design and the effective integration of technologies to enhance user experience.

6.2. Limitations

While the "Laundry Express" app is a significant step forward in improving laundry services for modern lifestyles, it has certain limitations:

1. **Geographical Coverage:** The app's laundry services may be limited to specific geographic regions, which can restrict access for users outside these areas.
2. **Logistics Dependency:** The efficiency of laundry pickup and delivery services is dependent on logistics, and any delays in this process can affect user satisfaction.
3. **Device Compatibility:** The app may require users to have smartphones with specific operating system versions, potentially excluding some older devices.

6.3. Future Works

Looking ahead, several future enhancements and developments can be explored to expand and improve the "Laundry Express" app:

1. **Extended Service Coverage:** The app can be expanded to serve a wider geographical area, reaching more users and offering laundry services in various cities.
2. **Delivery Optimization:** Implementing route optimization algorithms for laundry pickups and deliveries can enhance the efficiency of the logistics process.
3. **User Feedback and Ratings:** Introducing a user feedback system and ratings for laundry service providers can help maintain service quality and build trust among users.
4. **Customization Options:** Adding personalized preferences and customization features for laundry services can cater to individual user needs and preferences.
5. **Subscription Model:** Introducing subscription plans for frequent users can offer cost savings and foster customer loyalty.
6. **Integration with Laundry Providers:** Collaborating with local laundromats and laundry service providers can expand the app's service offerings and coverage.

By addressing these future works, the "Laundry Express" app can continue to evolve and adapt to meet the changing needs of users and provide a convenient and efficient solution for managing laundry services in the fast-paced modern world.

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