



Earth Tour Client

Explore the globe through stunning 3D flight animations

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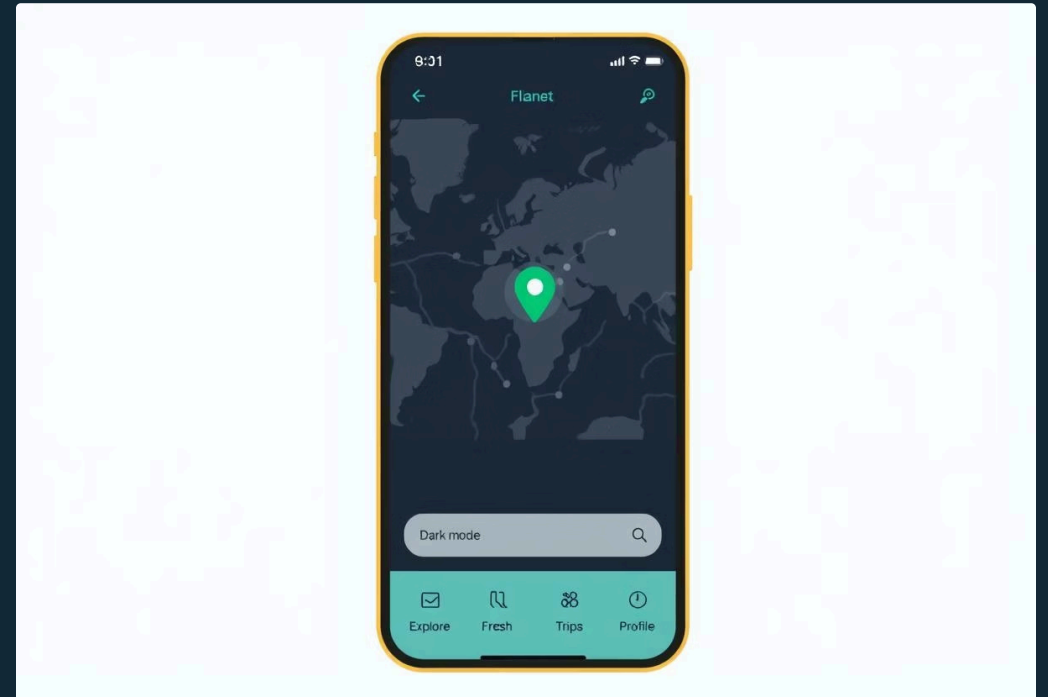
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Problem & Inspiration

Static maps don't tell a story

Bring the globe alive through motion

Inspired by space visualizations & cinematic flight maps





Purpose & Audience

Purpose

Create personalized Earth animations fast

Audience

- Educators
- Content creators
- Travel influencers
- Students
- Businesses

App Architecture



Model

Data sources & repositories



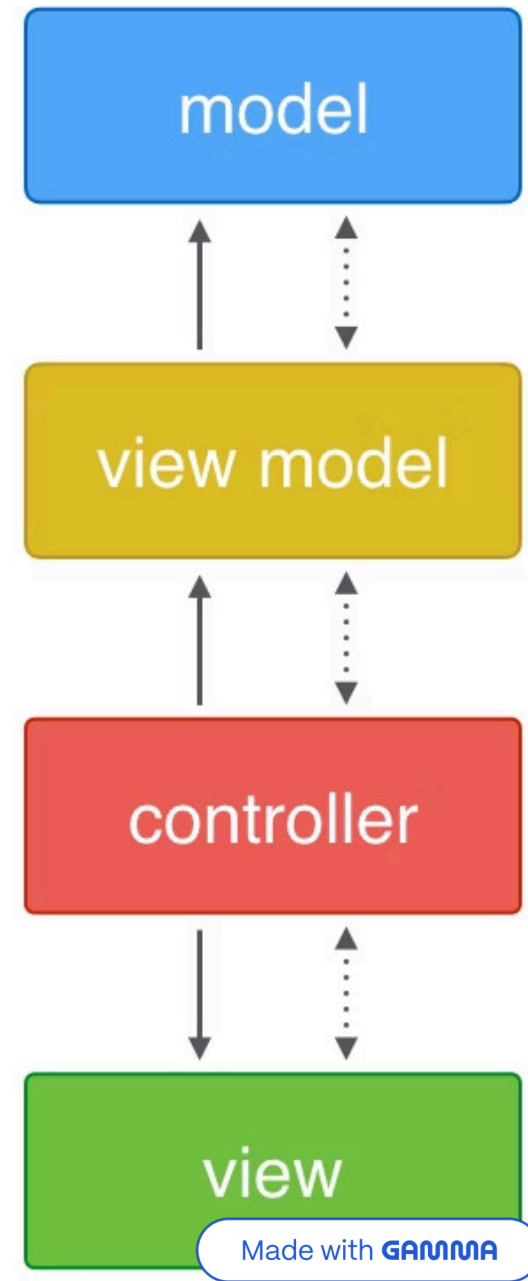
ViewModel

Logic + Coroutines for async jobs



View

Jetpack Compose UI elements



Core Features



Location Selection

Predefined and custom coordinates



Video Quality

720p to 4K resolution options

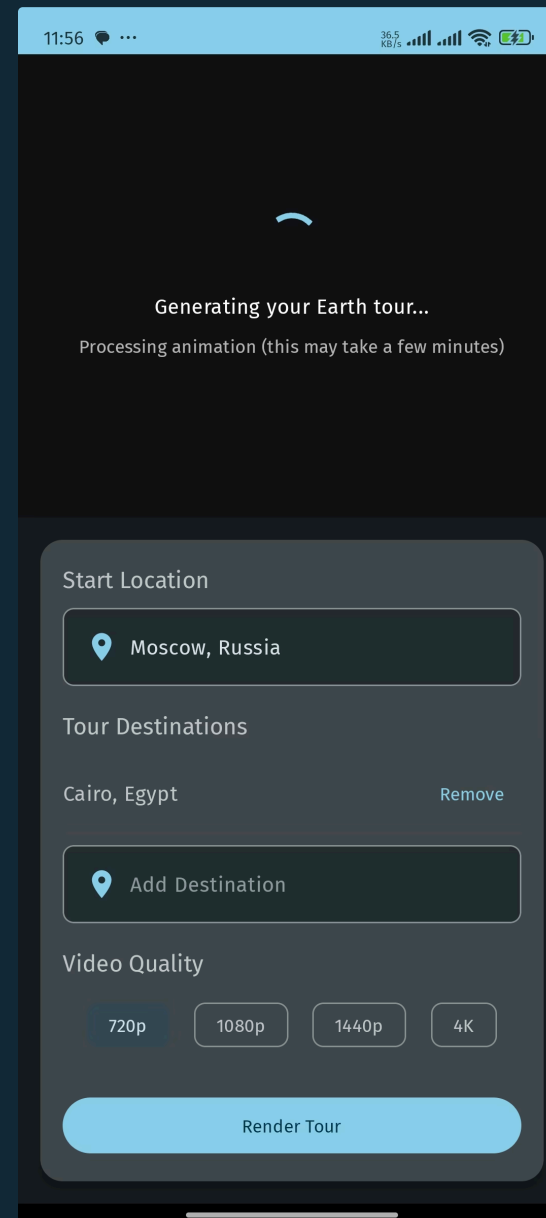


Async Job Tracking

Real-time status & download

UI/UX Design

- Streamlined 3-step user flow: Select, Request, Watch
- Minimalist controls & clear video playback
- Optimized for vertical video
- Location input flexibility
- Real-time job tracking
- Light and dark mode



Tech Stack

Frontend

Kotlin, Jetpack Compose, Material3

Media

ExoPlayer, Media3

Backend

FastAPI, Python, Blender rendering

Infrastructure

Retrofit, OkHttp, SharedPreferences

Backend Integration



POST /generate-
animation

Submit flight path & quality



GET /job/{jobId}

Track rendering status



GET /videos/{filename}

Download ready video

Development Timeline



Challenges & Solutions

Async status updates

Polling delay, managing job states

Math

Math is hard

Working with models

Loading textures, setting shaders

Solutions

- Coroutines & structured polling
- Queued rendering & caching
- Learning Math, especially Geometry
- Still in fixing stage

Future Improvements



User Profiles

Allow users to save their customized Earth tours for easy access.



Atmospheric Effects

Add dynamic clouds and realistic time-of-day lighting for immersion.



Map Overlays

Include landmark labels and additional map layers for clarity.



Web App Version

Expand accessibility with a browser-based platform for all users.

