AccommodationApp - Project Documentation

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Project Overview

AccommodationApp is a comprehensive Android application built with Kotlin and Jetpack Compose that connects students with landlords for accommodation rentals. The app provides a complete ecosystem for property listing, browsing, booking, and management.

Architecture

• **UI Framework**: Jetpack Compose

• **Language**: Kotlin

• **Database**: SQL Server Express (via JDBC)

Architecture Pattern: MVVM-like with Repositories

• Navigation: Jetpack Navigation Compose

• Async Operations: Kotlin Coroutines

User Types & Flows

1. Students

Features:

- Browse available properties
- Search and filter properties
- View detailed property information
- Save properties to favorites
- Request property bookings with date selection
- View booking history and status
- Manage personal profile
- Contact landlords

User Flow:

- 1. Register → Select University → Complete Profile
- 2. Browse Properties → Search/Filter → View Details
- 3. Add to Favorites / Request Booking
- 4. Track Booking Status (Pending → Approved/Rejected)

5. View Profile and Booking History

2. Landlords

Features:

- List and manage properties
- Set availability dates and pricing
- Toggle property active/inactive status
- Review and approve/reject booking requests
- Edit property details
- View booking calendar
- Track property performance
- Manage business profile

User Flow:

- 1. Register → Complete Business Profile
- 2. Add Properties → Set Details and Amenities
- 3. Manage Bookings → Approve/Reject Requests
- 4. Edit Properties → Update Availability
- 5. View Profile and Statistics

3. Administrators

Features:

- Full CRUD operations on all entities
- Manage universities
- Oversee all properties
- Monitor user accounts
- Add/edit amenities
- System-wide oversight

Key Components

Data Layer

Models

- User (user-model.kt): Base authentication model
 - userId, email, passwordHash, userType, isProfileComplete

- Student (student-profile-model.kt): Student-specific profile
 - Personal info, university, budget preferences
- Landlord (landlord-model.kt): Landlord business profile
 - Business details, verification status, rating
- **Property** ((property-model.kt)): Accommodation listings
 - Details, pricing, availability, amenities, location
- Booking (Booking.kt): Booking requests and history
 - Dates, status (pending/approved/rejected), pricing
- **University** (university-model.kt): University entities
- Amenity: Property features and facilities

Repositories

- UserRepository: Authentication and user management
 - Login, registration, profile completion tracking
- StudentRepository: Student-specific operations
 - Profile creation and retrieval
- LandlordRepository: Landlord-specific operations
 - Profile management, property ownership
- **PropertyRepository**: Property CRUD operations
 - Complex queries, amenity management, status updates
- BookingRepository: Booking management
 - Create bookings, check availability, update status
- FavoritesRepository: Favorites functionality
 - Add/remove favorites, retrieve favorite properties
- UniversityRepository: University data access
- AdminRepository: Administrative operations

Database

- DatabaseConnection: JDBC connection management
- **DatabaseConfig**: Connection configuration
- UserSession: Global session state management

UI Layer

Authentication Screens

• LoginScreen: User authentication with role-based routing

- RegisterScreen: Account creation with user type selection
- UniversitySelectionScreen: University picker for students
- ProfileCompletionScreen: Student profile setup
- LandlordProfileCompletionScreen: Landlord business profile setup

Student Screens

- **HomeScreen**: Property browsing with search
 - Search bar functionality
 - Bottom navigation (Home, Bookings, Favorites)
 - Property cards with key information
- PropertyDetailScreen: Comprehensive property view
 - Image placeholder, amenities, pricing
 - Favorite toggle functionality
 - Book Now with date selection
 - Landlord information
- StudentBookingsScreen: Booking management
 - Tabbed view (All, Pending, Approved, Rejected)
 - Booking cards with status badges
 - Property and date information
- StudentFavoritesScreen: Saved properties
 - List of favorited properties
 - Quick remove functionality
 - Navigation to property details
- StudentProfileScreen: Personal information
 - Academic details
 - Budget preferences
 - Contact information

Landlord Screens

- LandlordHomeScreen: Property management dashboard
 - Statistics overview (total, active, monthly revenue)
 - Property list with quick actions
 - Active/inactive toggle with warnings
 - Navigation to bookings and profile

- LandlordAddPropertyScreen: New property creation
 - Comprehensive property form
 - Amenity selection
 - Date validation
- LandlordEditPropertyScreen: Property modification
 - Full edit capabilities
 - Delete with cascade handling
- LandlordBookingManagementScreen: Booking requests
 - Tabbed interface (Pending, Approved, History)
 - Approve/Reject functionality
 - Student information display
 - Booking details and messages
- LandlordProfileScreen: Business profile
 - Company information
 - Verification status
 - Contact details

Admin Screens

- AdminDashboardScreen: System overview
- AdminStudentListScreen: Student management
- AdminLandlordListScreen: Landlord oversight
- AdminPropertyListScreen: Property administration
- AdminUniversityListScreen: University management
- AdminAddStudentScreen: Direct student creation

Shared Components

- PropertyCard: Reusable property display component
- BookingDialog: Date selection for bookings
- DatePickerDialog: Custom date picker
- StatusBadge: Booking status visualization

Navigation

- Navigation.kt: Centralized routing configuration
 - Deep linking support
 - Role-based navigation

- Protected routes
- Parameter passing

Key Features Implementation

1. Property Search & Filter

- Real-time search in HomeScreen
- Filters by location, title, and address
- Active properties only for students

2. Booking System

- Date Selection: Custom date pickers with availability validation
- Availability Checking: Prevents double-booking
- Price Calculation: Daily rate based on monthly price
- Approval Workflow: Landlord review and decision
- **Status Tracking**: Real-time status updates

3. Favorites System

- Toggle favorite status from property details
- Persistent storage in database
- Quick access from dedicated screen
- Visual feedback with heart icons

4. Property Management

- CRUD Operations: Full create, read, update, delete
- Status Control: Active/inactive toggling
- Availability Dates: From/to date management
- Amenities: Many-to-many relationship handling
- Cascade Deletion: Proper cleanup of related data

5. User Profiles

- **Students**: Academic and preference information
- Landlords: Business details and verification
- Completion Tracking: Profile completion status

Database Schema Highlights

- **Normalized Design**: Proper relationships and foreign keys
- Cascade Operations: Maintaining referential integrity
- Audit Fields: created_at, updated_at timestamps
- Status Enums: Controlled values for statuses
- Many-to-Many: PropertyAmenities junction table

Security Considerations

- Plain text passwords (TO BE FIXED implement hashing)
- SQL injection prevention through prepared statements
- Role-based access control
- Session management through UserSession

Recent Updates (January 10, 2025)

Student Features Completed:

1. Favorites System

- Add/remove favorites from property details
- Dedicated favorites screen
- Persistent storage with visual feedback

2. Booking System

- Complete booking flow with date selection
- Availability validation
- Price calculation
- Booking history with status tracking

3. Student Profile

- Comprehensive profile display
- Academic and preference information

Landlord Features Added:

1. Booking Management

- View all booking requests
- Approve/reject functionality
- Organized by status tabs

2. Landlord Profile

Business information display

Verification status

UI/UX Improvements:

- Fixed icon compatibility issues
- Improved navigation flow
- Added snackbar feedback
- Enhanced error handling

Bug Fixes:

- Fixed property detail screen duplicate functions
- Resolved date type mismatches
- Fixed repository method naming conflicts
- Corrected navigation parameter passing

Future Enhancements

- 1. Image Upload: Property photos implementation
- 2. **Messaging System**: Direct landlord-student communication
- 3. Reviews & Ratings: Post-stay feedback system
- 4. Payment Integration: Secure payment processing
- 5. **Push Notifications**: Booking updates and alerts
- 6. **Advanced Search**: More filter options (price range, amenities)
- 7. Map Integration: Visual property location
- 8. Calendar View: Availability visualization
- 9. **Document Upload**: Lease agreements and verification
- 10. Multi-language Support: Internationalization

Technical Debt

- 1. Implement proper password hashing (bcrypt/scrypt)
- 2. Add comprehensive error handling
- 3. Implement proper state management (consider ViewModel)
- 4. Add unit and integration tests
- 5. Optimize database queries
- 6. Implement proper dependency injection
- 7. Add offline capability
- 8. Improve date handling consistency

- 9. Add proper logging framework
- 10. Implement proper image caching

Development Notes

- Ensure SQL Server Express is running locally
- Database connection uses Windows Authentication
- All dates stored in ISO format (yyyy-MM-dd)
- Prices stored as DECIMAL(10,2)
- User types: 'student', 'landlord', 'admin'
- Booking statuses: 'pending', 'approved', 'rejected', 'cancelled', 'completed'

Testing Accounts

- Student: ana.kovac@student.hr / password123
- Landlord: marko.novak@gmail.com / password123
- Admin: (create via direct DB insert)

End of Documentation