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Project Based Learning

Title of Project :UI/UX Design for a Travel Planning Application

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CHAPTER 1: Introduction

Brief Overview of the Project

Project Focus: Creating the UI/UX design for a travel planning application.

Main Goal: To simplify the travel preparation process for users.

Core Features:

- 3.1. Flight booking
- 3.2. Itinerary management
- 3.3. Budget tracking
- 3.4. Additional travel planning tools

Target Outcome:

- 4.1. Provide a seamless and intuitive user experience
- 4.2. Make it easy to plan and track trips
- 4.3. Enhance the overall convenience and enjoyment of travel planning

Overall Objective: To improve the efficiency, organization, and enjoyment of travel preparation for users.

Objective:

Project Goal: Design an intuitive and efficient UI/UX for a travel planning application.

Primary Focus Areas:

- 2.1. Simple and user-friendly navigation
- 2.2. Clear and organized information architecture
- 2.3. Interactive and engaging features
- User-Centered Objective: Cater to users' travel needs effectively.

Emotional Benefit: Reduce the stress associated with trip planning and organization.

Decision-Making Support: Enable better choices through well-structured and informative design.

User Experience Outcome: Deliver a smooth, enjoyable, and efficient travel planning experience

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Importance of UX in Making

Effective UX in Travel Planning Apps: Ensures that organizing and managing trips is simple, smooth, and engaging for users.

Role of Financial Tracking in Travel Apps:

- 2.1. Allows users to set and manage travel budgets.
- 2.2. Helps **track expenses** in real-time during trips.
- 2.3. Supports users in making **cost-effective decisions** (e.g., choosing cheaper transport or accommodations).

Importance of UX Design in Financial Features:

- 3.1. Simplifies complex financial tasks with **clean interfaces and clear visuals** (charts, budget progress bars, etc.).
- 3.2. Ensures **easy access** to financial data without overwhelming the user.
- 3.3. Encourages users to stay on top of their budget with **reminders**, **alerts**, **and summaries**.

Overall Outcome: A travel planning app with well-designed financial tracking tools empowers users to plan smarter, spend wisely, and enjoy their trips more fully.

CHAPTER 2: UX Research Report

Research Methods

To inform the design process, we used the following research methods:

- **Surveys**: Gathered insights from potential users about their travel planning habits and pain points.
- **Interviews**: Conducted one-on-one interviews with frequent travelers to dive deeper into their needs.
- Competitive Analysis: Analyzed existing travel planning apps to identify strengths, weaknesses, and opportunities.

Survey Results & Interviews

• Survey Insights:

- Common financial challenges include managing travel budgets, tracking expenses, and dealing with unexpected costs.
- Users prefer features like integrated budgeting tools, easy-to-use flight booking options, and a simple overview of their itinerary.

• Functional Requirements:

- Budget management tools
- Trip itinerary organization
- Notifications and reminders for bookings

• Nonfunctional Requirements:

- Intuitive navigation
- Quick response time
- Visually appealing design

• Interview Summaries:

- User A (Frequent Business Traveler): "I need an app that allows me to easily track my expenses and have everything in one place."
- User B (Family Vacation Planner): "Having a clear itinerary with budget details would help us plan better and avoid surprises during the trip."

User Personas

1. Persona 1: Onkar, Student traveler

- Goals: Save money while exploring new destinations
- o Frustrations: Difficulty sticking to a tight budget, unorganized trip details
- o **Behaviors**: Often plans last-minute trips; relies on budget-friendly options
- o **Motivations**: Value for money, easy-to-follow plans, and flexibility

2. Persona 2: Mahesh, Working Professional

- o Goals: Efficient planning of both business and leisure trips
- **Frustrations**: Overwhelmed by fragmented information, lengthy booking processes
- Behaviors: Prefers organized, pre-planned trips with quick access to critical details
- o Motivations: Time-saving features, streamlined planning

3. Persona 3: Mukesh, Family Vacation Planner

- o Goals: Create a fun and memorable trip for the family while managing finances
- Frustrations: Lack of clarity in expense tracking and travel arrangements

0	Behaviors : Plans family trips months ahead; values clear budgets and itinerary breakdowns
0	Motivations: Ensuring a smooth trip, minimizing financial stress

Journey Maps

A journey map illustrates the travel planning experience, from initial research to post-trip activities:

Travel Plannaing Application Booking Preparation Post-Trip On-Trip User Goal User Goal User Goal User Goal Experience the trip Refiect and Secure all travel Get ready for the trip essentials with ease share experiences **Key Actions Key Actions Key Actions User Emotions** Access bookings, Choose destination, View itinerary, pack, book flights/hotels/ Nostalgic, get visa/reminders, navigate, get activities download maps local tips accomplished **User Emotions Opportunities Opportunities Opportunities** Excited, cautious Checklist tools, Real-time Incentivized (budget) offline access, realitinerary-updates, reviews, time updates emergency into social sharing local guides memory vault

- **Pain Points**: Confusing booking interfaces, fragmented information about expenses, difficulty managing multiple bookings at once
- **Opportunities**: Consolidating expenses into one view, easy-to-access travel itineraries, personalized recommendations based on user behavior

CHAPTER 3: UX Audit Document

Heuristic Evaluation of Existing Travel Apps

Popular travel apps often suffer from usability issues such as cluttered interfaces, hard-to-find features, and overly complex booking flows. These issues create frustration for users who seek a straightforward travel planning experience. This is the main point which plays an impact on the cost function.

Key UX Issues Identified

- **Difficult Navigation**: Many apps have complex menus and options that confuse users.
- Lack of Visual Clarity: Poor design choices lead to a disorganized and hard-to-read interface.
- Overwhelming Data Presentation: Too much information presented at once, making it hard for users to focus on key elements.

CHAPTER 4: Task Flows & Sitemap

Task Flows: Most important task flows are:

Flight Booking System:



Travel insurance:



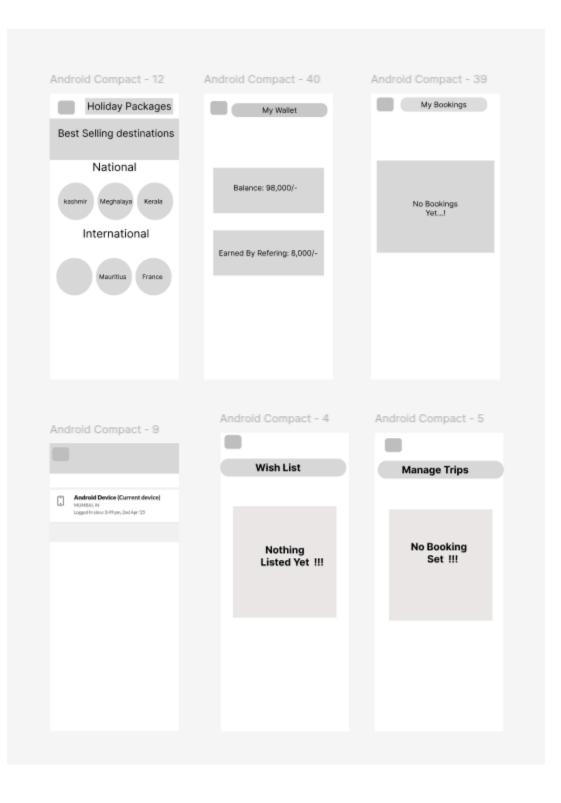
CHAPTER 5: Wireframes & Interactive Prototype (Figma)

5.1 Low-Fidelity Wireframes

Initial wireframes will focus on the layout of key screens:

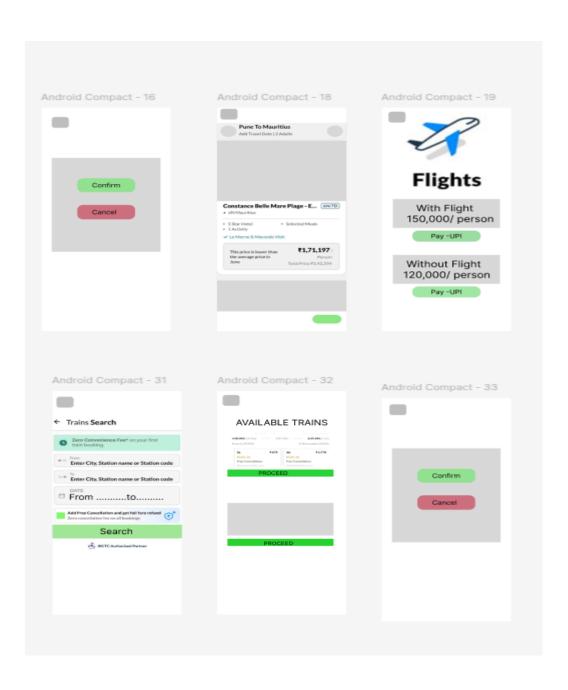
- **Dashboard**: Simple overview of trip and budget.
- Expense Input: Clear, easy-to-use form for adding expenses.
- Reports: Basic layout to display financial summaries.

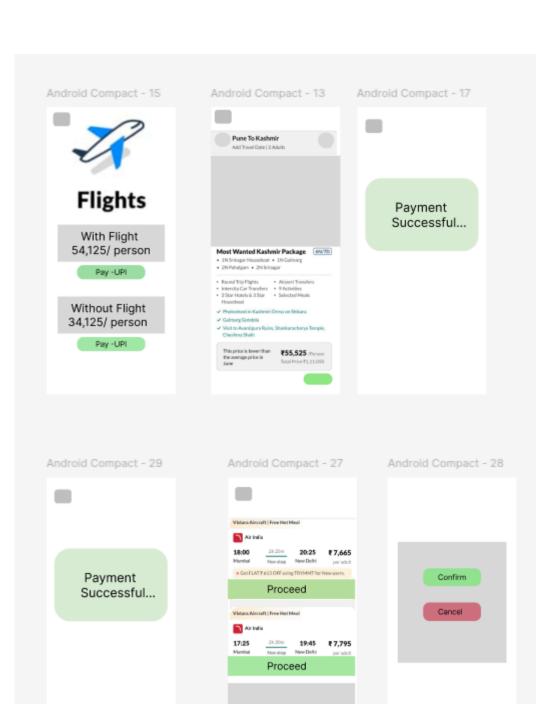
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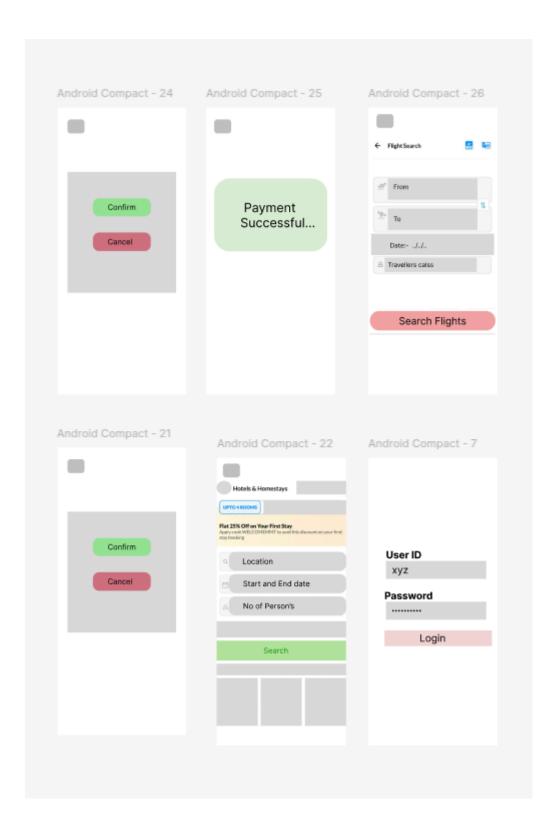


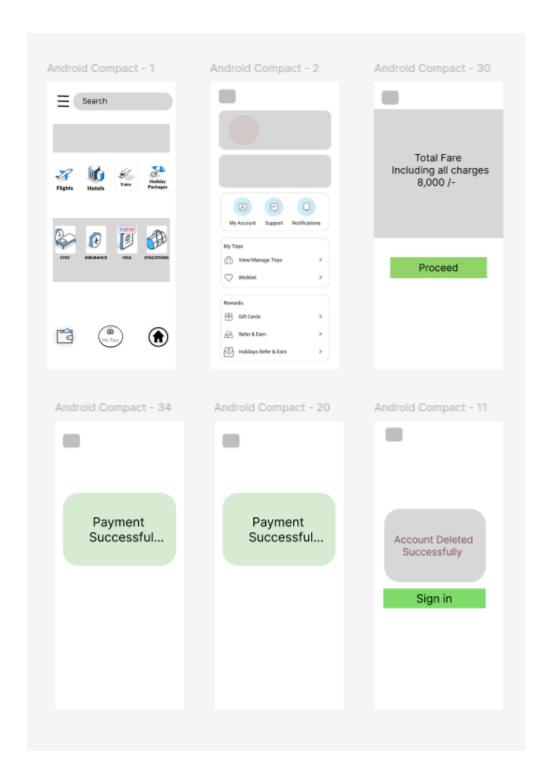
5.2 High-Fidelity Prototype

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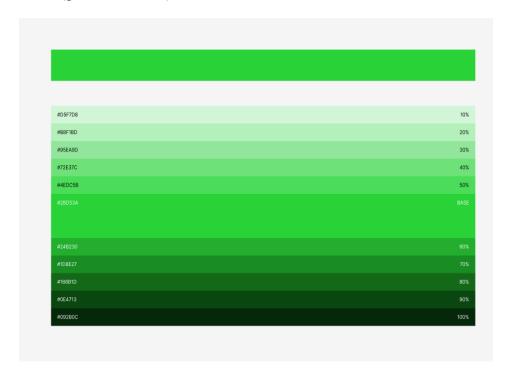


CHAPTER 6: Style Guide (UI Components, Typography, Color Scheme)

Color Palette

• Primary Colors:

Green (growth, success)

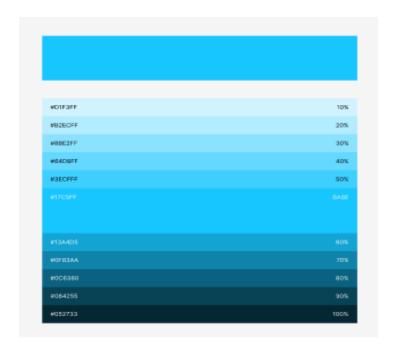


• Secondary Colors:

Brownish red.



Blue:



UI Components

- **Buttons**: Rounded, modern with subtle hover effects
- Cards: Used for displaying trip details and financial info
- Icons: Simple, intuitive icons for actions (e.g., add expense, set goal

CHAPTER 7: Findings, Designs & Improvements

7.1 Key Research Insights

- Users value simplicity and efficiency.
- Financial tracking and budgeting are critical features.
- There is a need for seamless integration of trip and financial data.

7.2 Final Design Showcase

7.3 Future Improvements

Based on user feedback, potential future improvements may include:

- Integration with third-party services (e.g., flight booking, hotel reservation).
- Enhanced personalization options (e.g., custom travel itineraries, budget suggestions).
- Offline mode for users who may not have internet access while traveling.