An Android Application For Keeping Up With The Latest Headlines

Introduction

1.1. Overview

Project Description

This app display a list of latest news with news title, image, and a short description. It allows to tap on a headline to read detailed news. The app provides provisions to update latest news with relevant images which could be uploaded. This is done using Jetpack Compose UI toolkit to build the UI and it uses the coil library to load images.

Purpose

The app helps to be in touch with the latest news from all relevant fields.

Problem Definition and thinking

2.1. Empathy Map



```
}
}
dependencyResolutionManagement {
repositoriesMode.set(RepositoriesMode.FAIL ON PROJECT REPOS)
   repositories {
google()
mavenCentral()
}
rootProject.name = "news"
include ':app'
build.gradle(app)
plugins {
id "com.android.application"
id "kotlin-android"
id "kotlin-kapt"
id "com.google.gms.google-services"
id "dagger.hilt.android.plugin"
id "kotlin-parcelize"
}
android {
compileSdk33
defaultConfig{
applicationId"com.devikumari.news"
minSdk21
targetSdk33
versionCode1
versionName"1.0"
testInstrumentationRunner"androidx.test.runner.AndroidJUnitRunner"
buildTypes{
release {
minifyEnabledfalse
proguardFilesgetDefaultProguardFile('proguard-android-optimize.txt'),
'proguard-rules.pro'
compileOptions{
sourceCompatibility JavaVersion. VERSION_11
targetCompatibility JavaVersion. VERSION_11
}
kotlinOptions{
jvmTarget = JavaVersion. VERSION 11
}
buildFeatures{
compose true
}
composeOptions{
kotlinCompilerExtensionVersioncompose version
```

```
namespace 'com.devikumari.news'
dependencies {
//Compose
implementation platform("androidx.compose:compose-bom: $compose bom version")
    implementation "androidx.compose.material3:material3:$material version"
implementation "com.google.dagger:hilt-android:$hilt version"
kapt"com.google.dagger:hilt-android-compiler:$hilt version"
//Hilt Navigation Compose
implementation "androidx.hilt:hilt-navigation-
compose: $hilt_navigation_compose_version"
//Firebase
implementation platform ("com.google.firebase:firebase-
bom: $firebase bom version")
implementation"com.google.firebase:firebase-firestore-ktx"
//ConstraintLayout
implementation ("androidx.constraintlayout:constraintlayout-
compose: $constraintlayout version")
//Image Loading
implementation("io.coil-kt:coil-compose:$coil version")
implementation ("com.google.accompanist:accompanist-
pager:$accompanist pager version")
implementation ("com.robertlevonyan.compose:materialchip:$materialchip version
//navigation
implementation("androidx.navigation:navigation-compose: $navigation version")
```

build.gradle

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buildscript{
ext{
gradle_version = '7.4.1'
kotlin version = '1.8.0'
google_services_version = '4.3.14'
compose bom version = '2023.01.00'
material_version = '1.1.0-beta01'
compose_version = '1.4.0'
hilt_version = '2.45'
hilt_navigation_compose_version = '1.0.0' firebase_bom_version = '31.2.3'
constraintlayout_version = '1.0.1'
coil_version = '2.2.2'
accompanist_pager_version = '0.18.0'
materialchip version = '3.0.5'
navigation version = '2.6.0-alpha05'
dependencies {
classpath"com.google.gms:google-services:$google services version"
classpath"com.google.dagger:hilt-android-gradle-plugin:$hilt version"
}
}
plugins {
id 'com.android.application' version "${gradle version}" apply false
id 'com.android.library' version "${gradle version}" apply false
id 'org.jetbrains.kotlin.android' version "${kotlin version}" apply false
}
task clean(type: Delete) {
delete rootProject.buildDir
#Wed Mar 22 22:44:54 IST 2023
distributionBase=GRADLE USER HOME
distributionUrl=https\://services.gradle.org/distributions/gradle-7.5-bin.zip
distributionPath=wrapper/dists
zipStorePath=wrapper/dists
zipStoreBase=GRADLE USER HOME
```

settings.gradle

```
pluginManagement{
  repositories {
  google()
  mavenCentral()
  gradlePluginPortal()
```

The main drawbacks with the news app may be that it require data/wifi to get online and it does not provide the feel of reading it from a newspaper.

Conclusion

News and other informative articles published periodically are the contents of a newspaper. Online versions of newspaper are becoming a new trend that includes all the important headlines both national and international news as well as local news which are typical of general interest newspapers. The main headlines are inclusive of political events and personalities, business, entertainment etc.

Future Scope

The app could be modified to get notifications and also to provide better navigational ways.

Appendix

A. Source Code

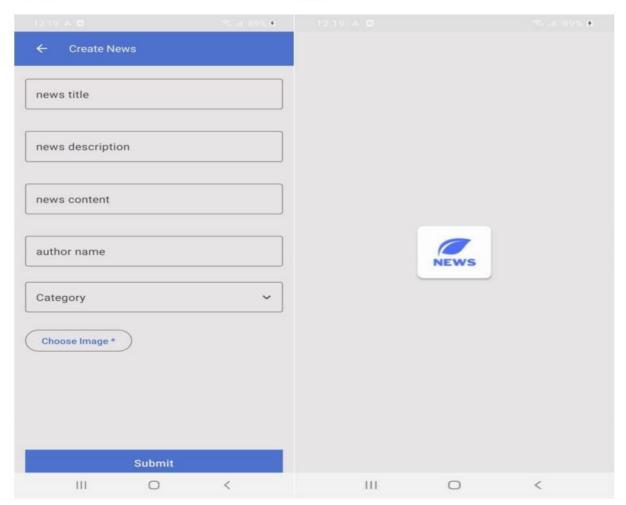
</intent-filter>
</activity>
</application>

AndroidManifest.xml

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<manifest xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"</pre>
xmlns:tools="http://schemas.android.com/tools">
<uses-permission android:name="android.permission.INTERNET" />
<application
android: name="com. devikumari.news.base.NewsApp"
android:allowBackup="false"
android:icon="@mipmap/ic_launcher_foreground"
android:roundIcon="@mipmap/ic launcher foreground"
android: label="@string/app name"
android: supportsRtl="true
android: theme="@style/Theme.News"
android:usesCleartextTraffic="true"
tools:targetApi="31" >
<activity
android:name="com.devikumari.news.base.MainActivity"
android:exported="true" >
<intent-filter>
<action android:name="android.intent.action.MAIN" />
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<category android:name="android.intent.category.LAUNCHER" />

Create Splash



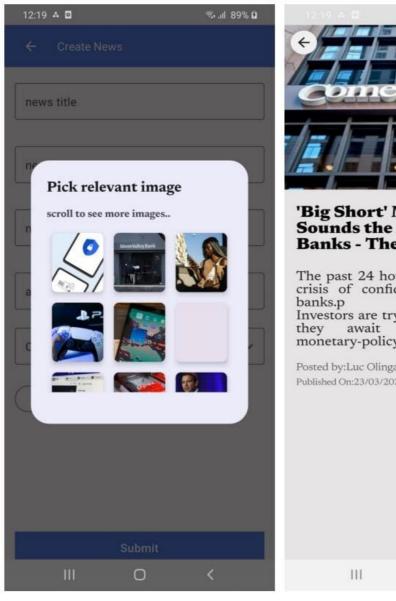
Advantages

A particular news can be displayed based on the user preferences by taking the priority. This app makes available news in one place and user need not have to search the news of his preference again and again.

Disadvantages

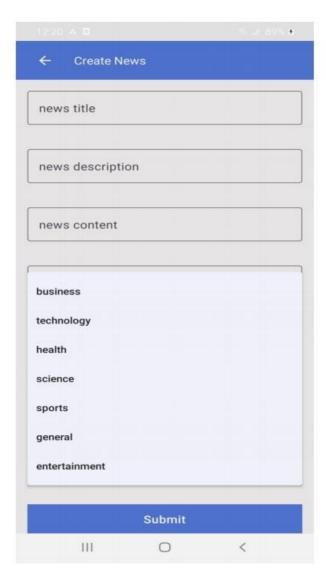
Choose

Details









Result

Home Category

2.2. Ideation and Brainstorming Map

