

Project Report

Android Application Development



ChatConnect

(A Real-Time Chat and Communication App)



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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Project Overview:

The ChatConnect Application, a real-time chatting application, aims to provide a seamless communication platform for users across various devices. This Application With a surge in the use of digital communication, our project aims to stand out by providing a seamless and secure chatting experience. Key goals include improving messaging speed, offering multimedia sharing options, and ensuring user data privacy. User authentication and data encryption are prioritized to maintain a secure environment. It's not just an application but a comprehensive solution for enhancing digital interactions. The application targets users across a wide range of devices, from smartphones and tablets to desktop computers. Our project aims to bridge the gap between existing chat applications and the increasing demand for a more seamless and efficient mode of communication. This project is an answer to the ever-expanding need for advanced, user-centric chat applications.

1.2 Purpose:

The purpose of this project is to create a space where individuals can communicate with a sense of security and trust, free from data privacy concerns. The primary aim is to reduce communication obstacles by enhancing message delivery speed and reliability. Our purpose is to revolutionize how individuals communicate in the modern digital landscape. the critical role that communication plays in various aspects of modern life, we have undertaken this project to provide a robust and user-friendly platform that offers a holistic chatting experience.ChatConnect aim is to bring people closer, regardless of geographical distances, by offering a reliable and intuitive chat platform. Our goal is to eliminate barriers to entry, making digital communication accessible to a wide range of individuals. Ultimately, our vision is to set new standards, making digital interactions faster, safer, and more enjoyable for users across the globe, and enhancing the quality of online conversations.

2. LITERATURE SURVEY

2.1 Existing problem:

In our comprehensive literature survey, we explored the numerous challenges and issues that exist within the current landscape of digital communication applications. One of the most pervasive problems is the growing demand for secure, seamless, and user-centric chatting experiences. Existing chat applications often fall short of these expectations. Users frequently encounter issues related to messaging speed, data privacy, and efficient multimedia sharing.

2.2 References:

Our literature survey was informed by a wide range of authoritative sources, including academic studies, industry reports, and expert analyses. Some of the prominent references that shaped our understanding of the existing problems in digital communication include [List notable references and sources you used for the survey.

Through our research, we have identified a clear statement that is central to our work. The problem stems from shortcomings in the current network, such as slow messaging, data privacy issues, and a lack of userfocused features like good collaboration. As digital communications continue to play an increasingly important role in today's society, these issues are becoming increasingly evident.

3. IDEATION & PROPOSED SOLUTION

ChatConnect APP

ChatConnect aims to revolutionize real-time communication. It prioritizes seamless, secure, and efficient messaging for both personal and professional use. With a user-friendly interface, robust privacy features, and a commitment to reliability, ChatConnect strives to become the go-to platform for individuals and business seeking exceptional chat and communication experiences.

Empathy map canvas

ChatConnect - A Real-Time Chat And Communication App

Original created by David Gray

WHO are we empathizing with?

- Who is the person we want to understand?
- What is the situation they are in?
- What is their role in the situation?

WHAT do they THINK and FEEL?

PAINS

- What are their fears, frustrations, and anxieties?

GOALS

- What are their wishes, needs, hopes, and dreams?

WHAT do they HEAR?

- What are they hearing others say?
- What are they hearing from them?
- What are they hearing from colleagues?
- What are they hearing through social?

WHAT do they SAY?

- What have we heard them say?
- What can we imagine them saying?

WHAT do they DO?

- What do they do today?
- What do they do tomorrow?
- What can we imagine them doing?

Notes:

- Security of their personal and professional conversations, feeling data breaches or leaks.**
- Slow message delivery and glitches disrupt their conversations.**
- Some users might feel overwhelmed by complex features and prefer a more straightforward experience.**
- Consider the app's reliability, uptime, and bandwidth, ensuring it can handle high volumes of simultaneous users.**
- Thinking about the convenience and efficiency of a communication.**
- Actively engage with ChatConnect by sending text messages, photos, videos, and voice messages to their contacts.**
- They frequently check for new messages, which may indicate personal conversations with friends and family or work-related.**
- Explore and use additional features within the app, such as group chats, voice and video calls, and the ability to share location or files, depending on their communication needs.**

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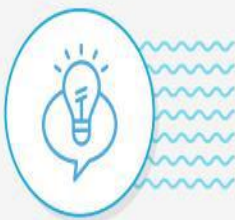
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3.2 Ideation & Brainstorming

Brainstorming provides a free and open environment that encourages everyone within a team to participate in the creative thinking process that leads to problem solving. Prioritizing volume over value, out-of-the-box ideas are welcome and built upon, and all participants are encouraged to collaborate, helping each other develop a rich amount of creative solutions.


Step-1: Team Gathering, Collaboration and Select the Problem Statement


Template




Brainstorm & idea prioritization

Use this template in your own brainstorming sessions so your team can unleash their imagination and start shaping concepts even if you're not sitting in the same room.

 10 minutes to prepare

 1 hour to collaborate

 2-8 people recommended



Before you collaborate

A little bit of preparation goes a long way with this session. Here's what you need to do to get going.

 10 minutes

A

Team gathering

Define who should participate in the session and send an invite. Share relevant information or pre-work ahead.

B

Set the goal

Think about the problem you'll be focusing on solving in the brainstorming session.

C

Learn how to use the facilitation tools

Use the Facilitation Superpowers to run a happy and productive session.

Open article



1

Define your problem statement

What problem are you trying to solve? Frame your problem as a How Might We statement. This will be the focus of your brainstorm.

 5 minutes

PROBLEM

How might we create a
chatting application
in real time ?



Key rules of brainstorming

To run an smooth and productive session



Stay in topic.



Encourage wild ideas.



Defer judgment.



Listen to others.



Go for volume.



If possible, be visual.

Step-2: Brainstorm, Idea Listing and Grouping

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Brainstorm

Write down any ideas that come to mind that address your problem statement.

🕒 10 minutes

TIP

You can select a sticky note and hit the pencil [switch to sketch] icon to start drawing!

Lokesh Chandra

A convenient and easily accessible User Interface

Capable to Prioritize Messages

Secured end to end conversations

Enhanced Privacy Settings

Able to keep track of important conversations



Nandish

Able to send variety of Media

It should have a feature of voice and video calls

User should be able to put birthday wishes in a greeting

Replies to messages without any difficulty

Able to See all important messages at end of the day



Saipavan

Able to send messages or files as casual or urgent mode

See important and relevant messages first

Keep track of interesting previous conversation first

It should have a feature to give replies to close friends first

Feature that allows to send messages at scheduled time



Viswas

Capable to remaind unanswered replies and chats

An User friendly Interface and features

Able to give auto replies which can save time

Reply to important messages first

Generate Videos with photos to wish



3

Group ideas

Take turns sharing your ideas while clustering similar or related notes as you go. Once all sticky notes have been grouped, give each cluster a sentence-like label. If a cluster is bigger than six sticky notes, try and see if you can break it up into smaller sub-groups.

🕒 20 minutes

TIP

Add customizable tags to sticky notes to make it easier to find, browse, organize, and categorize important ideas as themes within your mural.

Prioritizing Messages

Capable to
Prioritize
Messages

See important
and relevant
messages
first

Reply to
Important
messages
first

Keep track of
interesting
previous
conversation
first

It should have
a feature to
give replies to
close friends
first

Wishes Interface

Generate
Videos
with photos
to wish

Users should be
able to put
birthday wishes
in
a greeting

Step-3: Idea Prioritization

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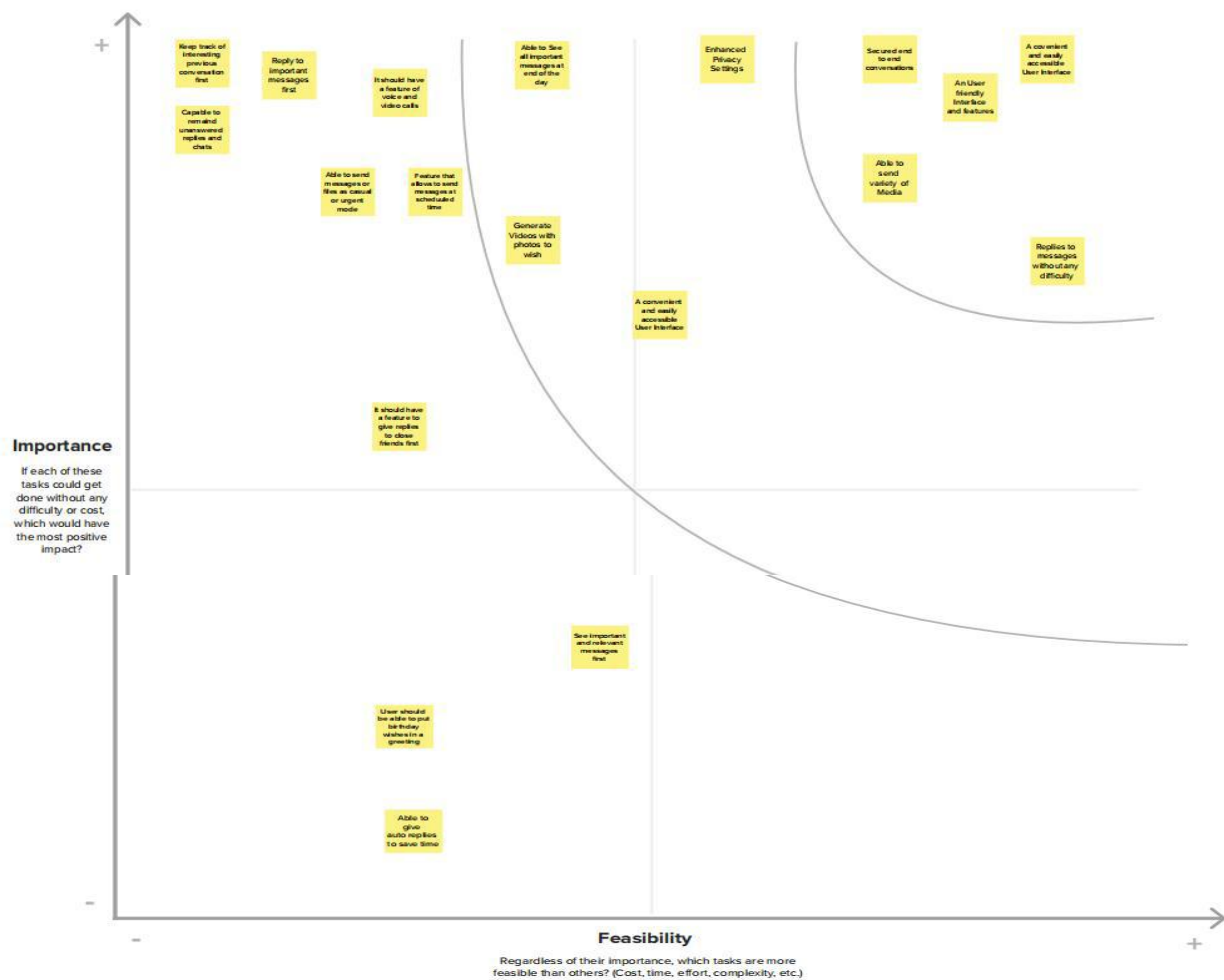
Prioritize

Your team should all be on the same page about what's important moving forward. Place your ideas on this grid to determine which ideas are important and which are feasible.

⌚ 20 minutes

TIP

Participants can use their cursors to point at where sticky notes should go on the grid. The facilitator can confirm the spot by using the **H** key on the keyboard.



4. REQUIREMENT ANALYSIS :

4.1 Functional Requirement:

Functional requirements are essential for defining the specific features and functionalities that the Chat-Connect app should have. Here are some functional requirements for the Chat-Connect project, which is a chatting app developed using Firebase, Android Studio, Kotlin, and Jetpack Compose:

1. User Registration and Authentication:

- Users must be able to register and log in securely using their email or phone number.
- The system should support third-party authentication methods (e.g., Google, Facebook).

2. User Profile Management:

- Users should be able to create and update their profiles with a display name and profile picture.
- User profiles should display basic information such as status and last online time.

3. Chat Features:

- Users can initiate one-on-one or group chats.
- Messages should support text, images, and emojis.
- Real-time message delivery and read receipts (message status) must be implemented.
- Users can view and edit message history.

4. Notification and Alerts:

- Users should receive push notifications for new messages.
- Notifications should be customizable based on user preferences.

5. Friend Management:

- Users can send and accept friend requests.
- A user's friend list should be easily accessible.
- Block and report functionalities for managing contacts should be included.

6. Search and Discovery:

- Users can search for other users based on display names and interests.
- A recommendation system can suggest new contacts or groups based on user behavior.

7. Integration with Firebase:

- The application should use Firebase for real-time database and cloud storage.

8. Android Studio and Kotlin:

- The app will be developed using Android Studio and written in Kotlin.

- Utilize Jetpack Compose for building the user interface.

9. Cross-Platform Compatibility:

- Ensure compatibility with various Android devices and versions to reach a wide user base.

4.2 Non Functional Requirements

Non-functional requirements are equally important as they define the qualities and characteristics that the Chat-Connect app should exhibit beyond its core functionalities. Here are non-functional requirements for the project:

1. Performance:

- Response Time: The app must respond to user actions within 1 second for a seamless experience.
- Scalability: The app should be able to handle a growing user base and chat volume without significant performance degradation.

2. Security:

- Data Encryption: All user data and messages must be end-to-end encrypted for privacy and security.
- Authentication: User authentication should be robust, protecting against unauthorized access.
- Data Backup: User data backups should be stored securely to prevent data breaches.

3. Reliability:

- The app should have a 99.9% uptime, ensuring users can access their messages and contacts reliably.

4. Compatibility:

- The app must be compatible with a range of Android devices and screen sizes.
- Ensure compatibility with the latest Android OS versions.

5. User Experience:

- The app should provide an intuitive and user-friendly interface, following Material Design guidelines.
- Support for dark mode should be consistent and visually appealing.

6. Accessibility:

- The app must meet accessibility standards, ensuring it's usable by people with disabilities.

7. Resource Usage:

- Optimize resource usage, including battery and data, to ensure efficient operation..

8. Maintainability:

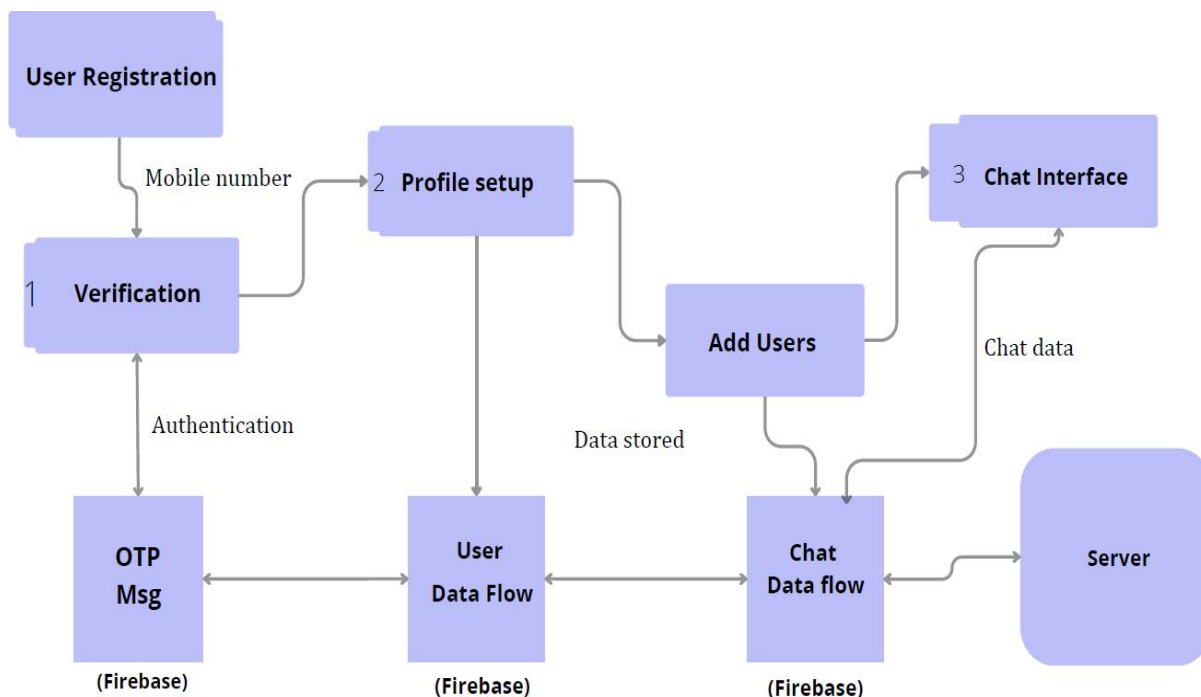
- Maintainable codebase with proper documentation to facilitate future updates and feature additions.

These non-functional requirements help ensure that Chat-Connect not only functions as intended but also delivers a secure, reliable, and enjoyable user experience while complying with industry standards and regulations.

5.PROJECT DESIGN

5.1 Data Flow Diagrams and User Stories:

A Data Flow Diagram (DFD) for the "Chat-Connect" app, developed in Firebase and Kotlin within Android Studio, illustrates the flow of data and interactions within the application. It showcases the primary components, including users, chat rooms, and Firebase services. User actions, such as sending messages, initiating chats, and managing profiles, are depicted as data flows between these components. Firebase serves as the central hub for real-time messaging, user authentication, and data storage. This DFD provides a clear visual representation of how data moves through the system, aiding in the understanding and design of the app's functionality and data management.



User stories encapsulate the essence of their interactions with the app, such as the seamless registration process, intuitive messaging, real-time notifications, and personalized profile management. Users, from diverse backgrounds, are at the heart of our design, enjoying the convenience of securely connecting with friends and colleagues. These stories reflect the essence of our application, making it an indispensable tool for modern communication, further highlighting how Firebase and Kotlin in Android Studio come together to create a reliable and user-centric chat app.

User Type	Functional Requirement (Epic)	User Story Number	User Story / Task	Acceptance criteria	Priority	Release
Customer (Mobile user)	Registration	USN-1	As a user, I can register on the application by using my mobile number.	I can access my account	High	Sprint-1
	Privacy	USN-2	As a user, I need end-to-end encryption of chats	Chats are end-to-end encrypted	High	Sprint-1
	UI/UX	USN -3	User friendly interface	The UI/UX is well designed	High	Sprint-1
		USN-4	As a user, I expect all multi media is shared on the app	All types of files and media are shareable	medium	Sprint-2
	Chat Back up /storage	USN-5	As a user, I should back up my chat data	Chats are backed up to the cloud.	medium	Sprint-2
	Dashboard	USN-6	As a user, I can access a personalized dashboard	The dashboard is accessible from the application's main menu	Medium	Sprint 2
Customer Care Executive	User Support and Assistance	USN-7	I can help the users regarding the steps they should take for respective issues they have come across	The CCE should provide clear and detailed instructions or steps for the user to take in order to address or resolve their issue.	medium	Sprint 3
Administrator	Analytics and Reporting	USN -8	As an Administrator, I can access analytics and reporting tools to monitor application usage, user engagement, and performance metrics.	have access to analytics dashboards that provide insights into user activity, chat usage, and system performance.	Medium	Sprint 4

5.2 Solution Architecture:

A messaging app developed using Firebase, Android Studio, Kotlin, and Jetpack Compose, is designed to provide a robust and efficient platform for seamless real-time communication.

At the core of this architecture is Firebase, which handles user authentication, real-time database services, and cloud storage for chat history and media sharing. Firebase Authentication ensures secure user access, while Firebase Realtime Database or Cloud Firestore manages real-time message delivery and chat room creation. Firebase Cloud Messaging enables push notifications for timely message alerts.

The app's frontend is developed in Kotlin and Jetpack Compose, offering a modern, responsive, and user-friendly interface. Jetpack Compose simplifies UI development with its declarative approach, making it easier to create dynamic, interactive user interfaces.

The solution architecture emphasizes scalability, security, and real-time capabilities, ensuring that "Chat-Connect" delivers a reliable and engaging chat experience while benefiting from the power of Firebase and the flexibility of Kotlin and Jetpack Compose.

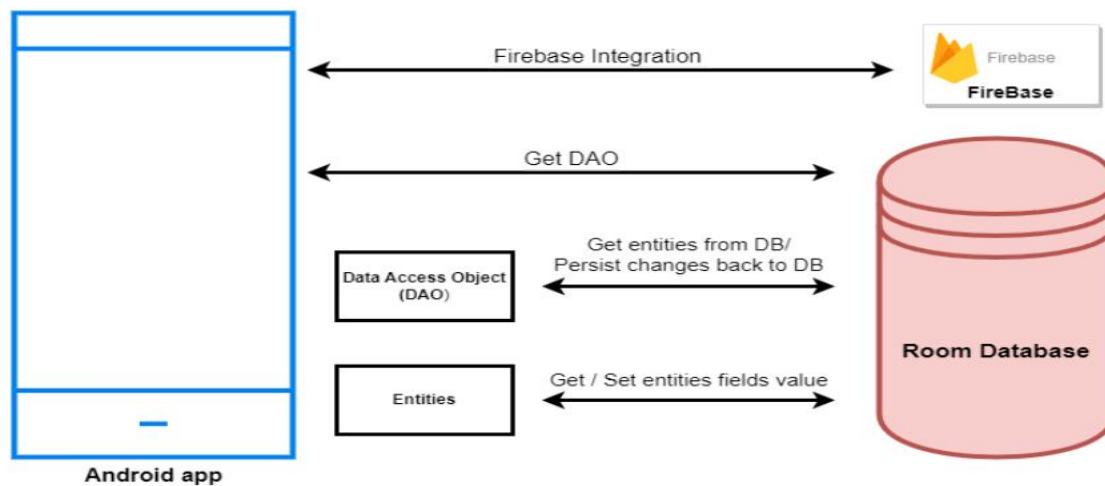
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1.	Problem Statement (Problem to be solved)	<p>In today's fast-paced digital world, effective and efficient communication is very important for individuals, businesses, and organizations alike. However, the existing landscape of chat and communication apps presents several challenges and shortcomings that need to be addressed.</p> <p>ChatConnect is a real-time chat and communication app that aims to revolutionize the way people interact and connect online. This provides a wide range of features and functionalities to facilitate seamless communication and collaboration. Here's an overview of what ChatConnect provides: Connectivity, Collaboration, Convenience, Expression, Conversations, Privacy and Security.</p>
2.	Idea / Solution description	<p>Whether you're looking to chat with friends, collaborate with colleagues, or engage with customers, ChatConnect provides a comprehensive platform to meet all your communication needs.</p> <p>ChatConnect strives to provide an intuitive and user-friendly experience, making communication effortless and enjoyable. Whether you're chatting with friends, collaborating with colleagues, or engaging with customers, this aims to be your go-to communication app, keeping you connected in real-time and fostering meaningful interactions.</p>
3.	Novelty / Uniqueness	<p>Use of ChatConnect application is to bring together various communication tools like messaging, voice calls, video calls, and file sharing into one integrated platform for convenience and efficiency. This will offer advanced collaboration features such as document sharing, screen sharing, and collaborative editing, enabling teams to work together seamlessly from anywhere in real-time. This provides a stable and fast communication experience, minimizing downtime and delays.</p>
4.	Social Impact / Customer Satisfaction	<p>ChatConnect brings people closer and makes communication easier, fostering connections and collaboration among individuals and groups while respecting privacy and security."</p> <p>In simpler terms, ChatConnect helps people connect and work together more easily and safely, which can improve relationships and teamwork in our digital world.</p>

5.	Business Model (Revenue Model)	ChatConnect's business model revolves around a freemium approach. We offer a free version of the app with basic features and generate revenue by selling premium subscriptions with advanced functionalities. Additionally, we display targeted advertisements to users, collaborate with partners for integrated services, and may offer in-app purchases and data analytics insights. This combination of monetization strategies ensures sustainability and growth for the ChatConnect application.
6.	Scalability of the Solution	We designed the app architecture to be horizontally scalable, allowing seamless expansion of server capacity as the user base grows. We utilized cloud-based services or distributed systems to handle increased traffic and ensure optimal performance even during peak usage. Scalability for ChatConnect means making sure that as more and more people use the app, it doesn't slow down or break. We do this by setting up the app in a way that it can handle lots of users and messages without any problems, like adding more computers when needed and making sure everything runs smoothly. So, no matter how many people use ChatConnect, it keeps working well.

6.PROJECT PLANNING & SCHEDULING

6.1 Technical Architecture

Architecture



6.2 Sprint Planning & Estimation

Creating a sprint delivery schedule for the "Chat-Connect" Android application, built using Firebase, Android Studio, Kotlin, and Jetpack Compose, involves planning the work to be completed in each sprint. Here's a sample sprint delivery schedule:

Sprint	Functional Requirement (Epic)	User Story Number	User Story / Task	Story Points	Priority	Team Members
Sprint-1	Project Setup	USN-1	Set up the environment needed to do this project by collecting and knowing all the required plugins and library dependencies. Also we should add them in gradle Script files.	10	High	Viswas
Sprint-2	User Interface Design	USN-2	For every application User Interface plays very important role. So User Interface should be simple and stylish at the same time when looking into the screen users should be able to understand. a. Login Interface b. Registration Interface c. OTP Authentication Interface d. Chatting Interface	40	Moderate to High	Nandish Viswas Lokesh Saipavan
Sprint-3	Database Integration	USN-3	Whenever a new user registers, his login credentials should be stored in the database. So that if a new user enters the same data and try to register "User Already Exists" message should be notified.	15	High	Pavan
Sprint-4	Firebase Authentication	USN-4	Whenever a user enters username or email id or mobile number and password they should be Verified and login action should be done.	10	High	Nandish
Sprint-5	Navigation Features	USN-5	In every application clear and visible navigation buttons should be there. So that User can have Better experience of the App.	10	Moderate	Viswas & Pavan
Sprint-6	Robustness	USN-6	Whenever users use the application concurrently we should be able to handle all of them. The app should run perfectly without any lag and difficulty.	15	Low	Nandish & Lokesh

6.3 Sprint Delivery Schedule

Sprint	Total Story Points	Duration	Sprint Start Date	Sprint End Date (Planned)	Story Points Completed (as on Planned End Date)	Sprint Release Date (Actual)
Sprint-1	10	1 Day	16 Oct 2023	16 Oct 2023	10	17 Oct 2023
Sprint-2	40	4 Days	17 Oct 2023	20 Oct 2023	40	20 Oct 2023
Sprint-3	15	1 Days	21 Oct 2023	21 Oct 2023	15	21 Oct 2023
Sprint-4	10	1 Days	22 Oct 2023	22 Oct 2023	10	22 Oct 2023
Sprint-5	10	2 Days	23 Oct 2023	24 Oct 2023	10	23 Oct 2023
Sprint-6	15	1 Day	24 Oct 2023	25 Oct 2023	15	23 Oct 2023

Velocity:

We have a 10-day sprint duration, and the velocity of the team is 16.67 (average points per sprint). If we calculate the team's average velocity (AV) per iteration unit (story points per day)

$$AV = (\text{sprint duration}) / (\text{velocity}) = 16.67/10 = 1.667$$

Sprint burndown

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10 points done, 50 points to go



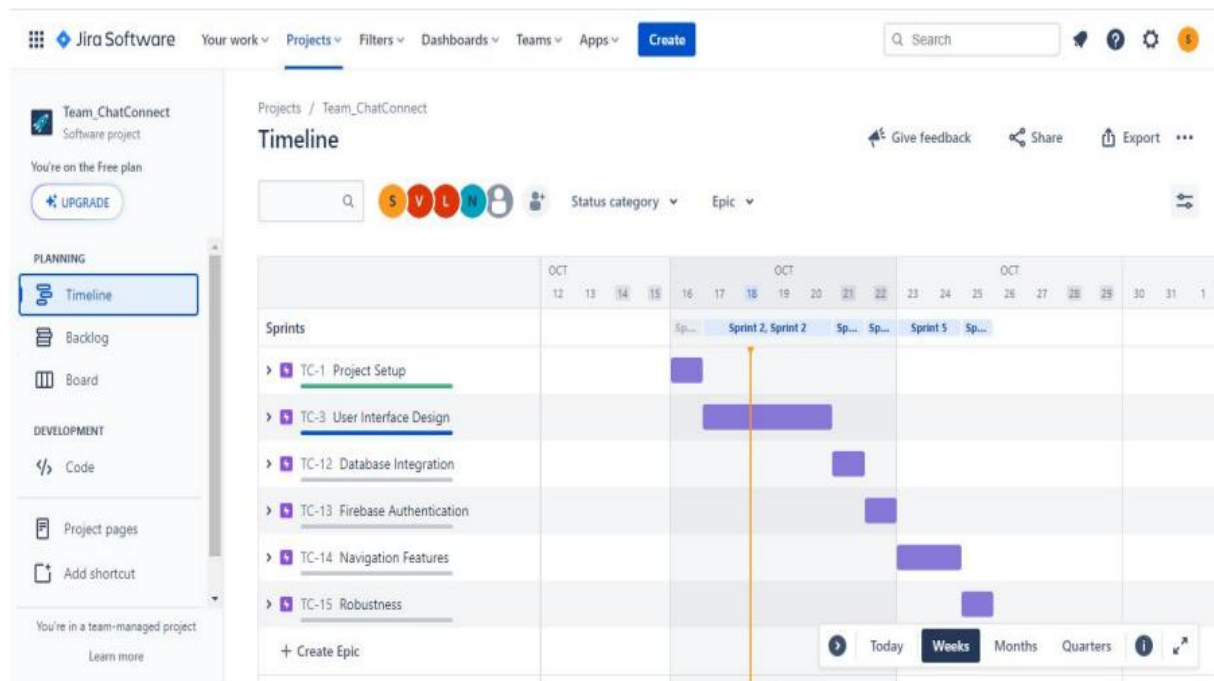
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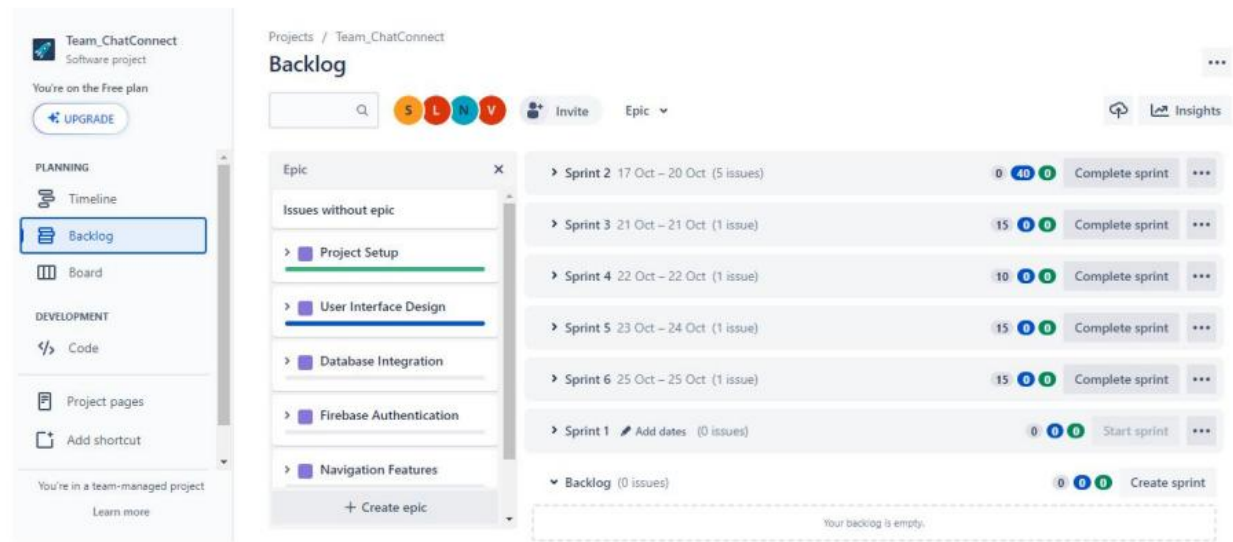
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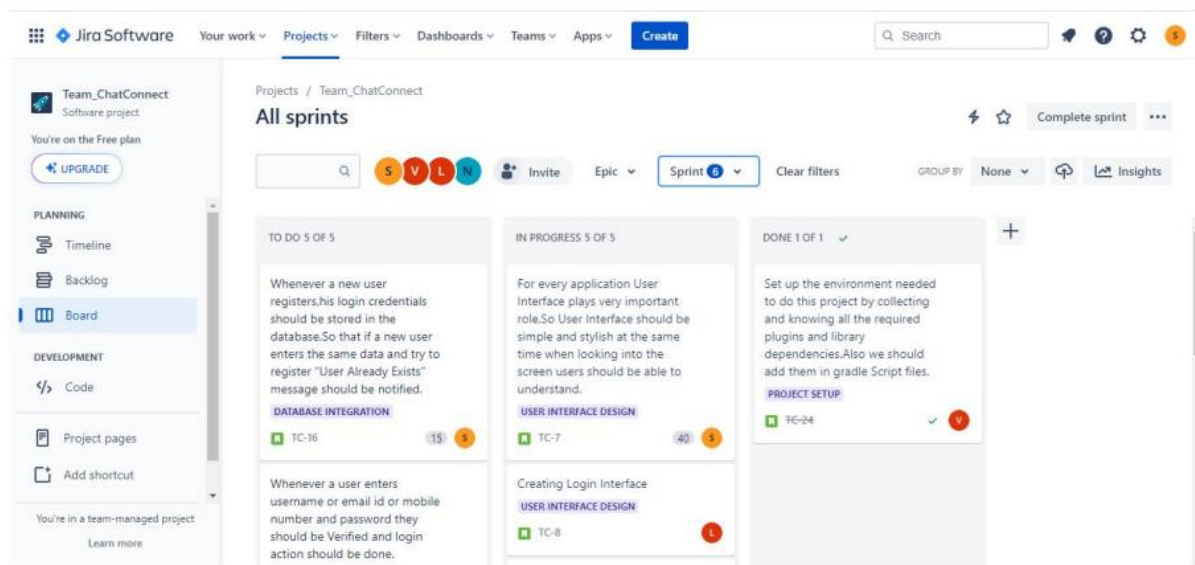
Timeline :



Backlog :



Board :



7.CODING & SOLUTIONING

7.1 Feature 1

The users can have group discussions through text messages after logging into the app.

7.2 Feature 2

We can register add new users at Starting by registering.



7.3 Database Schema

Project Overview

Project shortcuts

Authentication

App Check

Firestore Database

Product categories

Build

Release and monitor

Analytics

Engage

All products

Spark

No cost \$0/month

Upgrade

Project ChatConnect

Authentication

Users

Sign-in method

Templates

Usage

Settings

Extensions

Search by email address, phone number or user UID

Add user

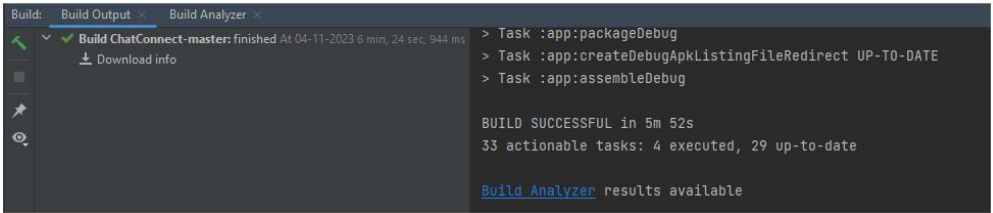

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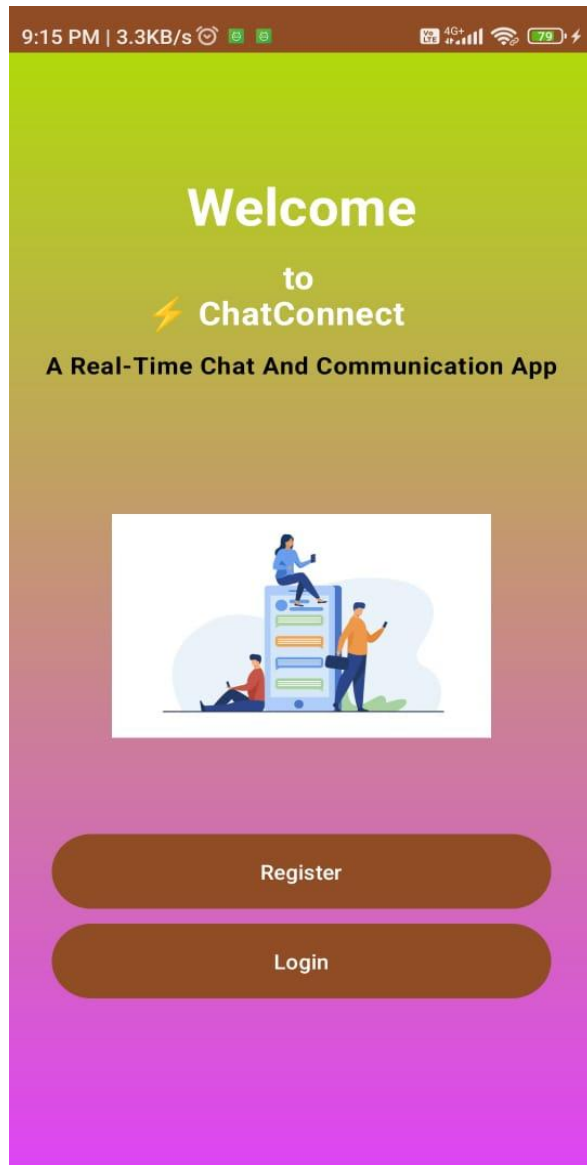
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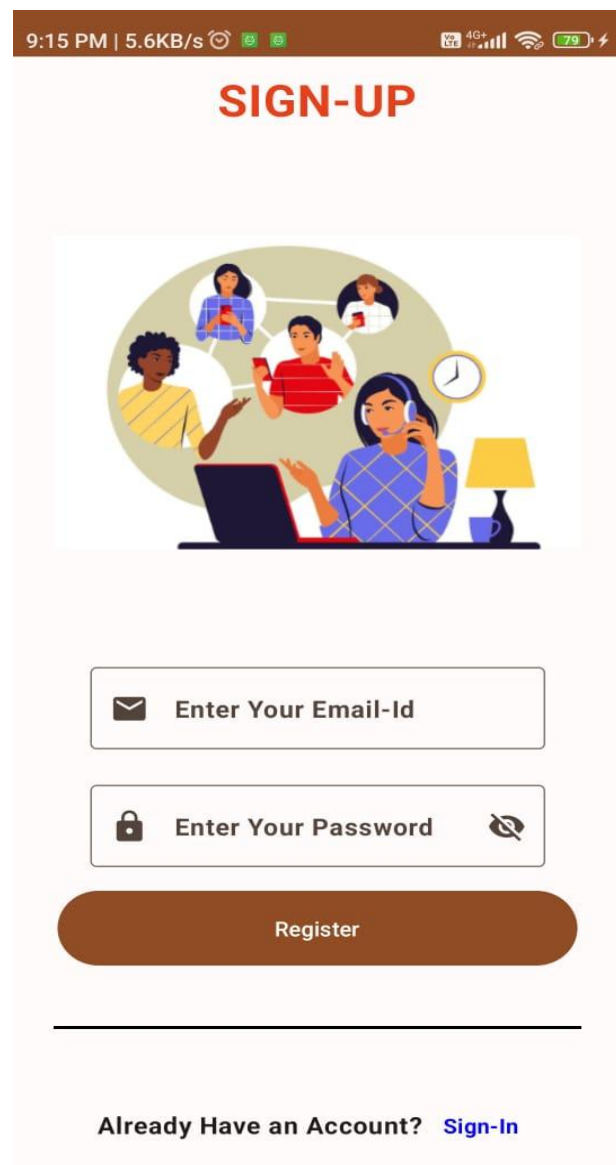
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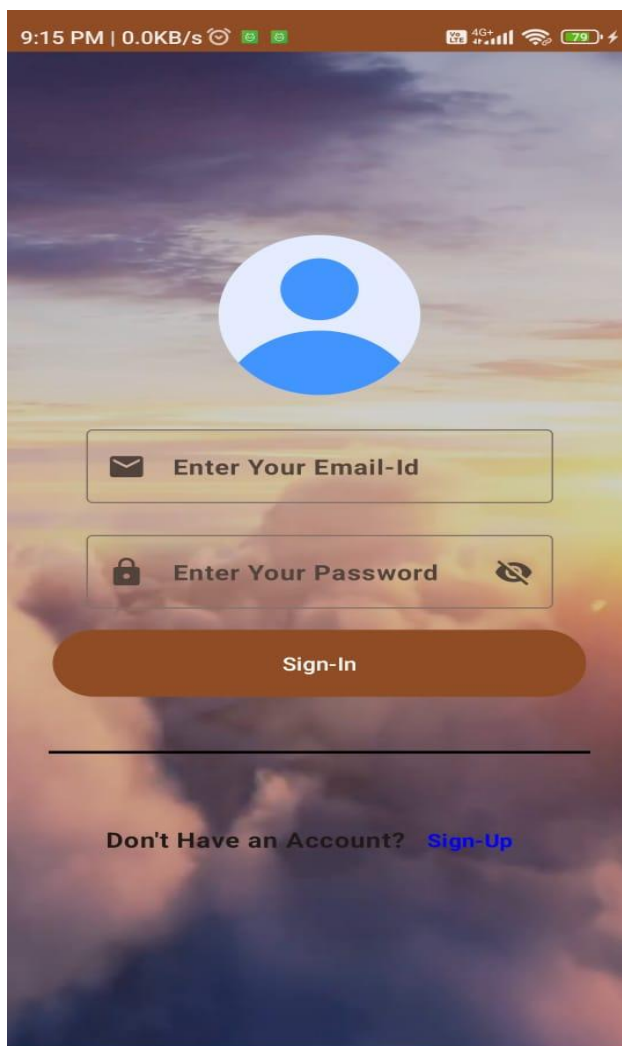
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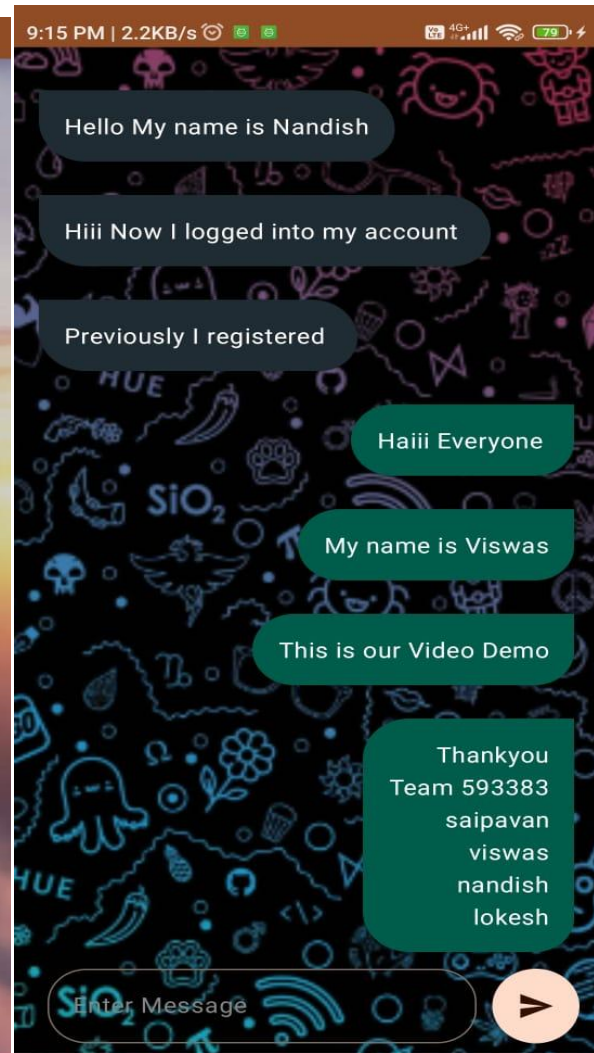
Welcome Screen



Register Screen



Login Screen



Chatting Screen

10.ADVANTAGES & DISADVANTAGES

Advantages:

- **Ease of communication:** ChatConnect allows users to communicate with their contacts in real-time, making it easier for them to stay connected with friends, family, or colleagues.

- **User-friendly interface:** The user-friendly interface of ChatConnect makes it easy for users to navigate the app and find the features they need.
- **Secure communication:** The app uses Firebase backend for user authentication, which provides a secure way for users to log in and protect their account information.
- **Personalization:** The user profile feature in ChatConnect allows users to personalize their profile picture, status, and other personal information to make the app more personalized and engaging.
- **Real-time messaging:** With Firebase Realtime Database, ChatConnect provides real-time messaging, ensuring that users receive messages as soon as they are sent, which can enhance communication and collaboration.

Disadvantages:

- **Ease Limited functionality:** ChatConnect has limited functionality and is only designed for basic communication and messaging features. Users may prefer to use other apps for more advanced features.
- **Network connectivity:** ChatConnect requires a stable internet connection to function correctly. Poor network connectivity can result in slow message delivery or lost messages.
- **Dependency on Firebase:** Cabconnect's backend is dependent on Firebase. If Firebase experiences downtime or other issues, the app may not function correctly.
- **Limited platform support:** ChatConnect is an Android-native app, which means it is not available on other platforms like iOS or Windows, potentially limiting the user base.
- **Security risks:** As with any messaging app, there is a risk of users sharing sensitive or personal information. It is essential to have measures in place to protect user data and privacy.

10. CONCLUSION

ChatConnect is a chatting application developed for Android using Kotlin and Firebase backend. It is designed to enable real-time communication between users, allowing them to chat and exchange messages in a secure and user-friendly manner. ChatConnect provides features such as user authentication, real-time messaging, user profile, and a simple messaging interface.

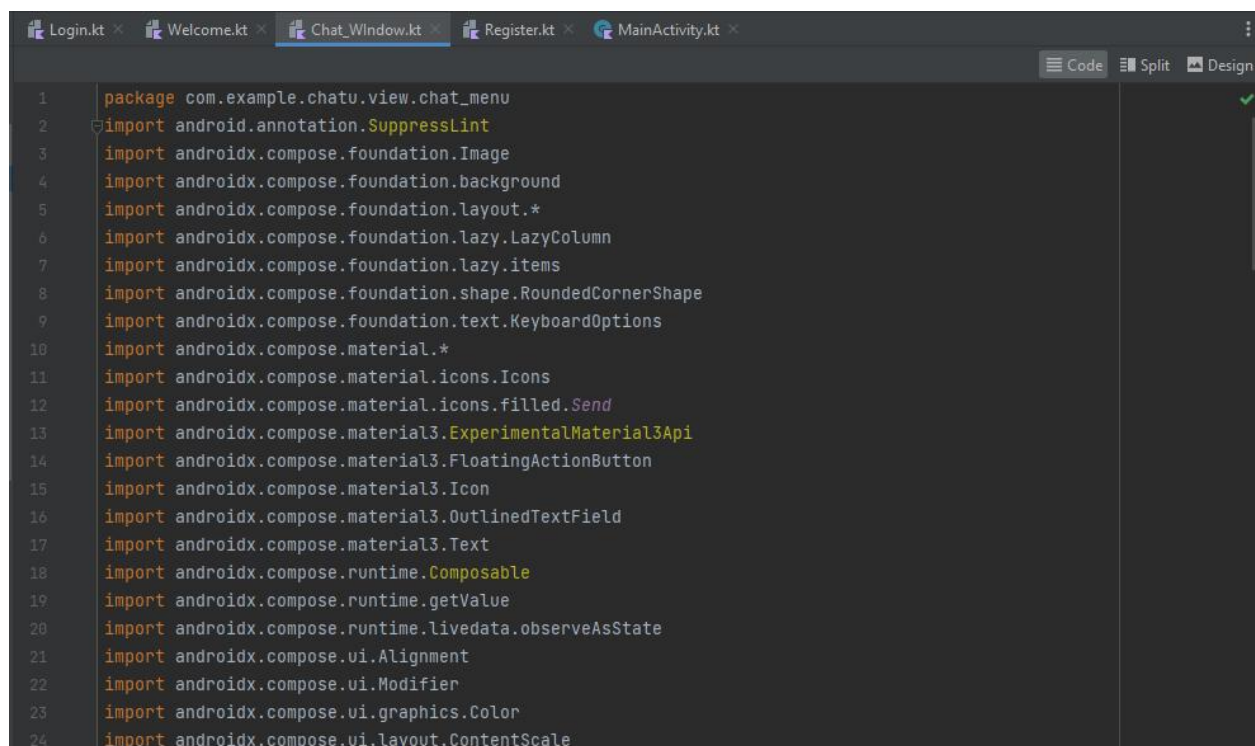
Overall, ChatConnect can be used for a variety of applications, including personal communication, business communication, education, customer support, social networking, group communication, and community-building. With ongoing maintenance and updates, ChatConnect has the potential to be a useful tool for facilitating communication and collaboration among its users.

11. FUTURE SCOPE

- 1. Location sharing:** By adding location sharing features, users can share their location with friends or family members, making it easier to meet up or find each other in real-time.
- 2. File sharing:** The ability to share files through ChatConnect can be useful for businesses or individuals who need to share documents or images quickly and easily.
- 3. Group messaging:** Group messaging allows users to communicate with multiple people at once, which can be useful for collaboration, event planning, or socializing.
- 4. Voice and video calling:** By adding voice and video calling features, ChatConnect can compete with other popular messaging apps and offer users more ways to communicate with their contacts.

13. APPENDIX

Chat Window Code :



```
1 package com.example.chatu.view.chat_menu
2 import android.annotation.SuppressLint
3 import androidx.compose.foundation.Image
4 import androidx.compose.foundation.background
5 import androidx.compose.foundation.layout.*
6 import androidx.compose.foundation.lazy.LazyColumn
7 import androidx.compose.foundation.lazy.items
8 import androidx.compose.foundation.shape.RoundedCornerShape
9 import androidx.compose.foundation.text.KeyboardOptions
10 import androidx.compose.material.*
11 import androidx.compose.material.icons.Icons
12 import androidx.compose.material.icons.filled.Send
13 import androidx.compose.material3.ExperimentalMaterial3Api
14 import androidx.compose.material3.FloatingActionButton
15 import androidx.compose.material3.Icon
16 import androidx.compose.material3.OutlinedTextField
17 import androidx.compose.material3.Text
18 import androidx.compose.runtime.Composable
19 import androidx.compose.runtime.getValue
20 import androidx.compose.runtime.livedata.observeAsState
21 import androidx.compose.ui.Alignment
22 import androidx.compose.ui.Modifier
23 import androidx.compose.ui.graphics.Color
24 import androidx.compose.ui.layout.ContentScale
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import androidx.compose.ui.res.painterResource
import androidx.compose.ui.text.TextStyle
import androidx.compose.ui.text.input.KeyboardType
import androidx.compose.ui.unit.dp
import androidx.lifecycle.viewmodel.compose.viewModel
@SuppressLint("SuspiciousIndentation")
@OptIn(ExperimentalMaterial3Api::class)
@Composable
fun HomeView(
    homeViewModel: HomeViewModel = viewModel()
) {
    Image(painter = painterResource(id = com.example.chatu.R.drawable.img_3), contentDescription = "", contentScaleType = Image.ScaleType.FIT)
    val message: String by homeViewModel.message.observeAsState(initial = "")
    val messages: List<Map<String, Any>> by homeViewModel.messages.observeAsState(
        initial = emptyList<Map<String, Any>>().toMutableList()
    )
    Column(
        modifier = Modifier
            .fillMaxSize()
            .fillMaxWidth(),
        horizontalAlignment = Alignment.CenterHorizontally,
        verticalArrangement = Arrangement.Bottom,
    ) { this: ColumnScope
        Spacer(modifier = Modifier.height(20.dp))
        LazyColumn(

```

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            modifier = Modifier
                .fillMaxWidth()
                .weight(weight = 0.85f, fill = true),
            contentPadding = PaddingValues(horizontal = 16.dp, vertical = 8.dp),
            verticalArrangement = Arrangement.spacedBy(25.dp),
            reverseLayout = true
        ) { this: LazyListScope
            items(messages) { this: LazyItemScope message ->
                val isCurrentUser = message[Constants.IS_CURRENT_USER] as Boolean
                SingleMessage(
                    message = message[Constants.MESSAGE].toString(),
                    isCurrentUser = isCurrentUser
                )
            }
        }
        Row(
            modifier = Modifier
                .fillMaxWidth()
                .wrapContentSize()
                .padding(9.dp, 5.dp, 0.dp, 10.dp)
                .background(Color.Transparent),
            horizontalArrangement = Arrangement.spacedBy(10.dp)
        ) { this: RowScope
            OutlinedTextField(
                value = message,

```

