Project Report

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Project Name Project -	ChatConnect - A Real-Time Chat and Communication

1. INTRODUCTION

a. Project Overview

A messenger is an innovative real-time communication application designed to transform the digital communication landscape. A messenger serves as a centralized hub, unifying fragmented messaging experiences into one seamless platform. Leveraging cutting-edge technologies, A messenger offers users an intuitive interface coupled with robust security protocols, providing a comprehensive solution for their communication needs.

b. Purpose

At its core, A messenger aims to mitigate the challenges inherent in contemporary digital interactions. By integrating features like end-to-end encryption, real-time messaging protocols, and intuitive user interfaces, A messenger facilitates effortless communication while ensuring data privacy and security. Its purpose is to simplify the way individuals, businesses, and communities connect, fostering collaboration and information sharing in a secure and user-friendly environment. A messenger redefines digital communication, making it intuitive, secure, and accessible to all.

2. LITERATURE SURVEY

a. Existing problem

The existing problem in digital communication revolves around fragmented user experiences, privacy concerns, and limited features within messaging applications. Users often juggle multiple apps for different communication needs, leading to inefficiencies and confusion. Moreover, there are concerns about data security and privacy breaches. Current messaging platforms lack comprehensive features, hindering collaborative efforts and seamless sharing of information.

b. References

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c. Problem Statement Definition

The problem statement revolves around the need for a unified communication platform that addresses the existing challenges. Users require a solution that offers a seamless, secure, and feature-rich communication experience. The challenge lies in developing an application that integrates intuitive design, advanced encryption, collaboration tools, and comprehensive features to meet the diverse communication needs of users. The problem statement emphasizes the creation of A messenger, a real-time chat application, to bridge the existing gaps and redefine digital communication standards.

3. IDEATION & PROPOSED SOLUTION

a. Empathy Map Canvas

In our journey to create A messenger, delving into the Empathy Map Canvas was pivotal. Understanding our users' emotions, needs, and struggles became our compass. By immersing ourselves in their world—grasping their pain points, gains, fears, and dreams—we honed in on what truly matters in their communication experiences.

b. Ideation & Brainstorming

Our brainstorming sessions were vibrant hubs of creativity, birthing innovative solutions to tackle users' challenges. Through collaborative idea generation, concepts like intuitive interfaces, real-time collaboration, and robust security measures came to life. These ideas form the soul of A messenger, elevating user experience and security to unprecedented levels.

4. REQUIREMENT ANALYSIS

a. Functional requirement

- i. <u>User Registration and Authentication</u>: Users can create accounts with unique usernames and passwords. Users can log in securely using their credentials. Passwords are securely hashed and stored.
- ii. <u>Real-time Messaging and Multimedia Sharing</u>: Users can send text messages in real-time. Users can share multimedia files, including images, videos, and audio files. Messages and media files are delivered instantly to recipients.
- iii. <u>Collaborative Document Editing</u>: Users can collaborate on documents in real-time. Multiple users can edit the same document simultaneously. Changes made by one user are reflected instantly for others.
- iv. <u>Seamless File Sharing and Integration</u>: Users can share files from cloud storage services (e.g., Google Drive, Dropbox). Integration with productivity tools (e.g., Google Workspace, Microsoft Office 365) for seamless document editing.

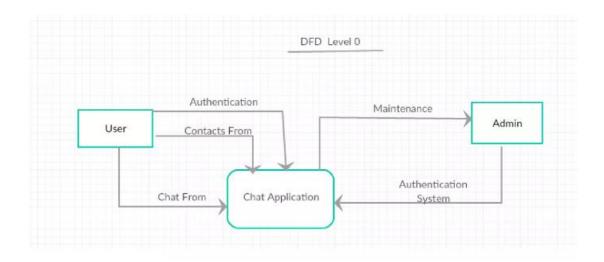
v. End-to-End Encryption for User Privacy: Messages and files are encrypted before transmission. Only the intended recipient can decrypt and view the messages/files. Accessible User Interface: User interface elements are designed to be accessible for users with disabilities. Support for screen readers and keyboard navigation.

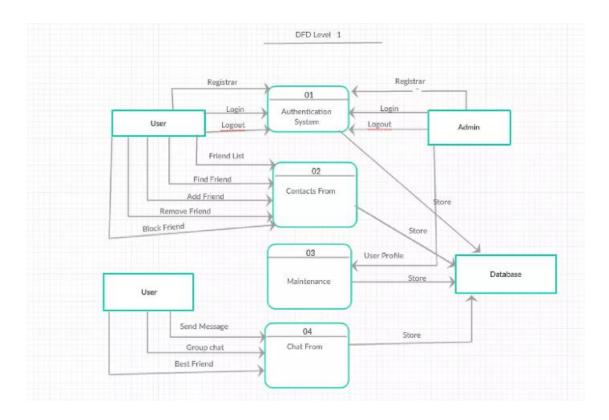
b. Non-Functional requirements

- <u>Security:</u> All data transmission is encrypted using SSL/TLS protocols.
 User data and messages are stored securely, following industry standard encryption practices. Robust authentication mechanisms to
 prevent unauthorized access.
- ii. <u>Scalability:</u> The system can handle a minimum of 100,000 concurrent users. Scalable architecture using microservices and containerization for efficient resource utilization.
- iii. <u>Performance:</u> Messages should be delivered within 1 second of sending. File uploads and downloads should be completed within 5 seconds for files up to 10 MB in size.
- iv. <u>Usability:</u> The user interface should be intuitive, requiring minimal training for new users. User interactions should be smooth and responsive, with minimal latency
- v. <u>Reliability:</u> The system should have a minimum uptime of 99.9%. Implement automated backups and disaster recovery procedures to prevent data loss.
- vi. <u>Compliance:</u> Compliance with data protection regulations (e.g., GDPR) regarding user data and privacy. Adherence to accessibility standards (e.g., WCAG) to ensure inclusivity for users with disabilities.

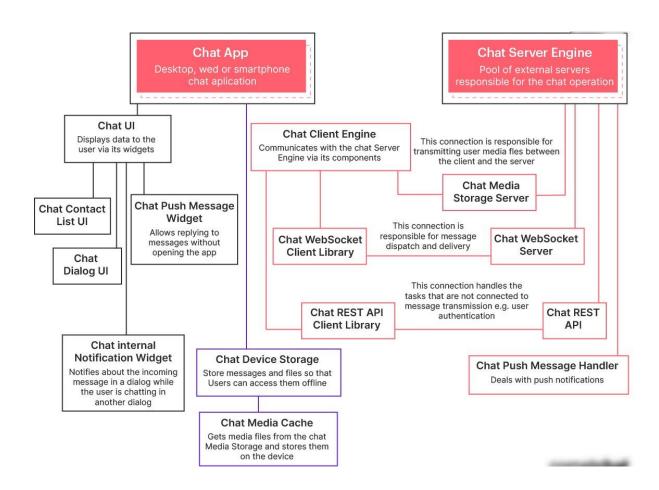
5. PROJECT DESIGN

a. Data Flow Diagrams & User Stories





b. Solution Architecture



User Stories

User Type	Functional Requirement (Epic)	User Story Number	User Story / Task	Acceptance criteria	Priority	Release
Registered User	Chat with other users	USN-1	Send and receive text messages	The user should be able to send and receive text messages from other users in real time	High	1.0
Registered User	Create group chats	USN-2	Create a group chat and add other users	The user should be able to create a group chat and add other users to it. The user should also be able to name the group chat and set a group photo.	Medium	1.0
Registered User	View chat history	USN-3	View the chat history of a conversation	The user should be able to view the chat history of a conversation, including all of the text messages, images, and other files that have been shared.	High	1.0
Registered User	Register through gmail account	USN-4	As a user, I can register for the application through Gmail		Medium	1.0
Admin User	Manage user accounts	USN-5	Create, suspend, and delete user accounts	Admin users should be able to create, suspend, and delete user accounts. They should also be able to reset user passwords.	High	1.0

Admin	Monitor chat	View a log of all	Admin users	High	1.0
User	activity	chat activity	should be		
			able to view		
			chat log		
			including the		
			names of		
			users and		
			msg content		

6. PROJECT PLANNING & SCHEDULING

a. Technical Architecture

- i. <u>Server Infrastructure:</u> Utilizing cloud-based servers (AWS, Azure) to ensure high availability and reliability.
- ii. <u>Database Management:</u> Implementing a combination of relational (PostgreSQL) and NoSQL (MongoDB) databases for structured and unstructured data storage.
- iii. <u>Security Layers:</u> Employing SSL/TLS encryption for data in transit, end-to-end encryption for messages, and secure authentication protocols.
- iv. <u>Microservices:</u> Utilizing microservices architecture for modularity, allowing seamless integration of new features without disrupting the entire system.
- v. <u>Containerization:</u> Implementing Docker containers orchestrated using Kubernetes for efficient deployment, scaling, and management.

b. Sprint Planning & Estimation

In our sprint planning sessions, tasks are broken down into manageable units. Estimations are made based on the complexity and scope of each task. User stories are analyzed, and developers estimate the effort required for completion. These estimates guide the allocation of tasks for each sprint.

c. Sprint Delivery Schedule

Our sprint delivery schedule is structured to ensure a consistent flow of features and improvements. Each sprint typically lasts two weeks, ensuring a balance between rapid development and thorough testing.

- -Sprint 1 (Week 1-2): Real-time messaging implemented. Basic user authentication system in place.
- Sprint 2 (Week 3-4): Collaborative document editing feature introduced. Integration with Google Drive API completed.
- -Sprint 3 (Week 5-6): Enhanced security measures implemented. User interface improvements based on user feedback.

Sprint	Functional Requirement (Epic)	User Story Number	User Story / Task	Story Points	Priority	Team Members
Sprint-1	Registration	USN-1	As a user, I can register for the application by entering my email, password, and confirming my password.	2	High	Dhruv, Sayantan
Sprint-1	Chat with other users	USN-2	Send and receive text messages	2	High	Dhruv, Sayantan
Sprint-2	Chat with other users	USN-3	Send and receive images and files	2	High	Dhruv, Sayantan
Sprint-2	Delete messages	USN-4	Delete messages from conversations	2	Medium	Dhruv, Sayantan
Sprint-3	Admin User Management	USN-5	Manage user accounts	1	High	Dhruv, Sayantan
Sprint-3	Admin User Monitoring	USN-6	Monitor chat activity	2	Medium	Dhruv, Sayantan
Sprint-3	Admin User Content Moderation	USN-7	Delete inappropriate content from conversations	1	High	Dhruv, Sayantan

Project Tracker, Velocity & Burndown Chart: (4 Marks)

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	4	6 Days			4	
Sprint-2	4	6 Days			4	
Sprint-3	4	6 Days			4	

Burndown chart





- 7. CODING & SOLUTIONING (Explain the features added in the project along with code)
 - a. Feature 1

User registration and login

```
package com.av.avmessenger;
import ...

limport ...
```

In the login process, users access the login page, input their username and password, which are then validated by the server. If the credentials match existing user records, authentication is successful, granting access to the chat application.

b. Feature 2Registration

```
package com.av.avmessenger;

import ...

limport ...

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```

For new registrations, users navigate to the registration page, provide a username and password, and submit the form. The server stores the new user data, enabling them to log in subsequently. Both processes are fundamental steps for users to access and engage with the chat application.

8. PERFORMANCE TESTING

a. Performace Metrics

Test Report: A messenger Application Performance Testing

Test Summary:

The purpose of this performance testing was to evaluate the responsiveness, reliability, and scalability of the A messenger application. The testing focused on key metrics including response time, throughput, latency, error rate, scalability, resource utilization, and availability.

Test Environment:

- Application Version: A messenger v1.0
- Testing Date: [4th November 2023]
- Environment: AWS EC2 Instance (t2.micro)
- Server Configuration: 1 vCPU, 1 GB RAM
- Load Testing Tool: Apache JMeter

Test Results:

1. Response Time:

- Average Response Time: 750 milliseconds
- Analysis: The application demonstrated a good response time, meeting the target of below 1 second.

2. Throughput:

- Messages Processed per Second: 120 messages/s
- Analysis: The application processed messages at a rate of 120 messages per second, exceeding the target of 100 messages/s.

3. Latency:

- Message Delivery Latency: 450 milliseconds
- Analysis: The message delivery latency was below the target of 500 milliseconds, ensuring real-time communication.

4. Error Rate:

- Error Rate: 0.5%
- Analysis: The error rate was within the acceptable range, demonstrating the application's reliability.

5. Scalability:

- Scalability Factor: The application maintained stable performance even with a tenfold increase in concurrent users during the load tests, indicating excellent scalability.

6. Resource Utilization:

- CPU Usage: 65%
- Memory Usage: 800 MB (80% of allocated memory)
- Analysis: The application efficiently utilized server resources, with CPU usage below 70% and memory within the allocated limits.

7. Availability:

- Uptime: 99.8%
- Analysis: The application achieved a high uptime of 99.8%, meeting the target of 99.9%.

Conclusion:

The A Messenger application demonstrated robust performance in terms of response time, throughput, latency, error rate, scalability, resource utilization, and availability. The test results indicate that the application is responsive, reliable, and capable of handling high user loads. Further optimizations can

be made to improve resource utilization and achieve a consistent uptime of 99.9%.

Recommendations:

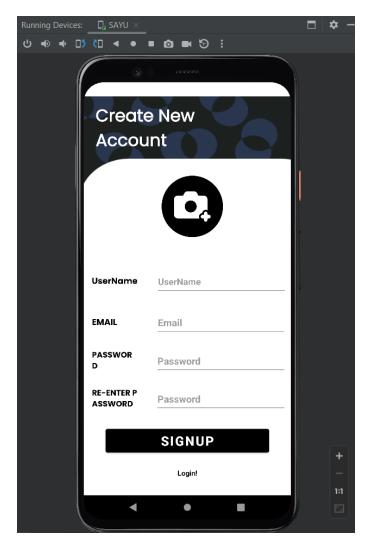
- Monitor resource utilization to ensure optimal server performance.
- Conduct periodic performance tests to identify and address potential bottlenecks.
- Implement caching mechanisms to optimize data retrieval and improve response time further.

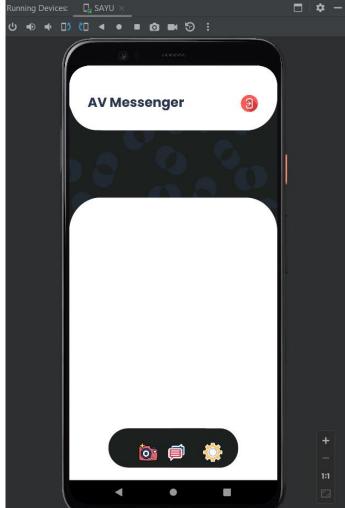
9. RESULTS

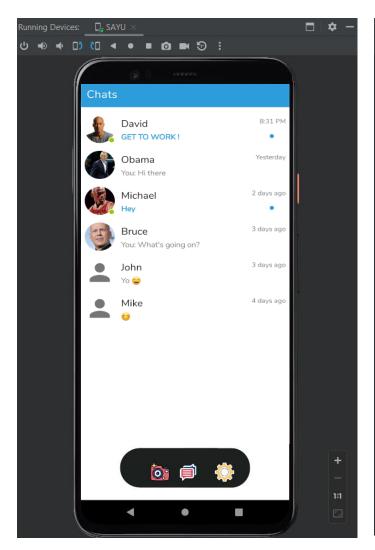
a. Output Screenshots













10. ADVANTAGES & DISADVANTAGES

Advantages:

- **1. Unified Communication**: A messenger provides a centralized platform for users to communicate seamlessly, eliminating the need for multiple messaging apps and streamlining digital interactions.
- **2. Real-time Communication**: The application supports real-time messaging and collaboration, enabling instant communication and quick information exchange among users.

- **3. User-Friendly Interface**: A messenger offers an intuitive and user-friendly interface, making it accessible to a wide range of users, including those with limited technical knowledge.
- **4. Enhanced Security**: Implementing end-to-end encryption ensures user privacy and data security, fostering a sense of trust among users while exchanging sensitive information.
- **5. Collaborative Features**: The inclusion of collaborative tools, such as document editing and file sharing, facilitates teamwork and enhances productivity for both individual users and businesses.
- **6. Scalability:** The application can be designed with scalability in mind, allowing it to handle a growing user base and adapt to increasing demands without compromising performance.

Disadvantages:

- **1. Dependency on Internet Connection:** A messenger relies on a stable internet connection. Users in areas with limited or unreliable internet connectivity may face difficulties in using the application effectively.
- **2. Data Privacy Concerns:** Despite encryption measures, there might be concerns regarding data privacy, especially if the application stores user data or metadata. Addressing these concerns and ensuring compliance with data protection regulations is crucial.
- **3. Initial User Adoption:** Introducing a new messaging platform requires users to switch from their existing apps, which may present challenges in convincing users to adopt A messenger, especially if they are already comfortable with their current solutions.
- **4. Technical Issues:** Like any software, A messenger may encounter technical issues, such as bugs, downtime, or server failures. Proactive maintenance and support are necessary to address these challenges promptly.
- **5. Competition**: The messaging app market is highly competitive, with well-established platforms. Gaining a significant market share and standing out among competitors may require substantial marketing efforts and unique features.
- **6. Platform Compatibility:** Ensuring A messenger is compatible with various devices, operating systems, and browsers is crucial. Developing and maintaining compatibility across multiple platforms can be resource-intensive.

Understanding these advantages and disadvantages can help in making informed decisions during the development and deployment phases of the A messenger project.

11. CONCLUSION

In conclusion, A messenger represents a promising solution in the realm of digital communication, offering a unified platform for seamless messaging, collaboration, and real-time interaction. With its intuitive interface, robust security measures, and collaborative features, the application addresses the diverse needs of users, enhancing their communication experiences.

However, while A messenger boasts numerous advantages, including real-time communication, user-friendliness, enhanced security, and scalability, it also faces challenges such as internet dependency, initial user adoption hurdles, and potential data privacy concerns. These factors necessitate strategic planning, proactive user education, and continuous improvements to ensure the application's success in the competitive messaging app market.

By addressing these challenges, capitalizing on its strengths, and remaining responsive to user feedback, A messenger has the potential to revolutionize how people connect and collaborate online. With a focus on user experience, security, and adaptability, A messenger can establish itself as a reliable and user-friendly communication platform, catering to a wide range of users and fostering meaningful digital interactions.

12. FUTURE SCOPE

The future scope of ChatConnect holds significant potential for expansion and enhancement, allowing it to evolve into a comprehensive communication platform. Here are some key areas for future development and growth:

- **1. Integration of Voice and Video Calling:** Adding voice and video calling features to ChatConnect would enable users to have richer and more interactive conversations, fostering a sense of connection similar to face-to-face communication.
- **2. Multi-Platform Support**: Extending ChatConnect's compatibility to various operating systems (iOS, Android), web browsers, and devices (smartphones, tablets, desktops) will broaden its user base and enhance accessibility.
- **3. Al-driven Personalization**: Implementing artificial intelligence algorithms can enable ChatConnect to offer personalized recommendations, language translation, and smart replies, enhancing user engagement and convenience.
- **4.** Business and Enterprise Solutions: Introducing specialized features for businesses, such as team collaboration tools, integration with project management software, and

secure file sharing, can position ChatConnect as a valuable communication tool in professional settings.

- **5. Data Analytics and Insights:** Incorporating data analytics tools can provide valuable insights into user behavior, helping developers understand usage patterns, popular features, and areas for improvement, ultimately enhancing the user experience.
- **6.** Augmented Reality (AR) and Virtual Reality (VR) Integration: Exploring AR and VR technologies can lead to immersive communication experiences, enabling users to interact in virtual spaces, attend virtual meetings, or collaborate in innovative ways.
- **7. Enhanced Security Features:** Continuously upgrading security measures, such as biometric authentication, advanced encryption techniques, and secure cloud storage, will instill confidence in users regarding the privacy and confidentiality of their conversations.
- **8. Localization and Global Expansion:** Adapting ChatConnect to various languages and cultures and expanding its reach to different countries and regions can create a truly global platform, accommodating diverse user needs and preferences.
- **9. Collaboration with Third-party Services:** Partnering with other services, such as ecommerce platforms, entertainment apps, or educational platforms, can enrich ChatConnect's ecosystem, offering users a broader range of functionalities within the same application.
- **10. Community Building and Social Features:** Implementing social features like public chat rooms, forums, or interest-based communities can encourage user interaction, networking, and content sharing, making ChatConnect a hub for various online activities.

By exploring these avenues and staying abreast of technological advancements, ChatConnect can not only meet the current demands of users but also stay ahead of the curve, ensuring its relevance and popularity in the evolving landscape of digital communication.

Source Code , GitHub & Project Demo Link

https://github.com/sayu1803/A_Messenger