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Abstract

The Food Delivery App project is an innovative mobile application designed to facilitate the seamless ordering and delivery of food from a wide array of restaurants. This application aims to provide a user-friendly platform for both customers and restaurant owners to engage in efficient food delivery services. The project employs a combination of cutting-edge technologies, including React Native with Expo for the front end, Python with Flask for the backend, MySQL for the database, and Firebase for image storage. For end-users, the app offers a comprehensive range of functionalities. Users can create accounts, enabling them to log in and sign up effortlessly. They can then select their city, peruse available restaurants, and choose from an extensive menu of delectable food items. The ordering process is streamlined to ensure a hassle-free experience. Additionally, users have the ability to track their orders in real-time, view their order history, and manage their profiles. Restaurant users, on the other hand, have their own set of specialized features. They are provided with a secure login system and the option to register their restaurants within the application. This allows them to effortlessly add, delete, and update the food items available in their establishments. The interface is designed for utmost convenience, ensuring that restaurant owners can manage their offerings with ease. Moreover, restaurant users can track the status of their orders and update customers on progress, from cooking to packing, and ultimately, delivery. The technology stack utilized in this project is carefully selected to ensure optimal performance and user satisfaction. React Native, coupled with Expo, allows for the creation of a dynamic and responsive front end, ensuring a consistent experience across various devices and platforms. Python, integrated with Flask, formsthe backbone of the backend, providing a robust and secure foundation for data management and processing. The MySQL database system is employed to store and retrieve information pertaining to users, restaurants, food items, orders, and more. Additionally, Firebase is utilized for image storage, guaranteeing swift and reliable access to visual content. This project not only addresses thetechnical aspects of application development but also considers the user experience and interface design. It emphasizes simplicity, intuitiveness, and accessibility, catering to a diverse user base in the Indian context. The language used in the application is tailored to resonate with a wide audience, employing straightforward Indian English to ensure clear communication and comprehension. In conclusion, the Food Delivery App project embodies a harmonious integration of state-ofthe-art technologies and user-centric design principles. It caters to the needs of both end-users and restaurant owners, offering a seamless platform for food ordering and delivery

Key Words: React Native, Flask, MySQL Database, Firebase, User-Centric Design

INTRODUCTION

Introducing our innovative food delivery application! This project is all about making food ordering a breeze for both customers and restaurant owners. We've harnessed the power of cutting-edge technologies like React Native with Expo for the front end, Python with Flask for the backend, MySQL for the database, and Firebase for image storage. For customers, we've made sure the app is as user-friendly as can be. You can create your account in a jiffy, and then it's smooth sailing from there. Pick your city, explore a variety of restaurants, and dive into a mouthwatering menu. Ordering is a piece of cake, and you can even keep tabs on your order in real-time. Plus, you'll have all your past orders neatly organized. Now, for restaurant owners, we've got your back too. We've set up a secure login system and a simple registration process for your eatery. You'll be able to effortlessly manage your menu, adding, deleting, or updating items with a few clicks. No fuss, just ease. And you can keep your customers in the loop from the kitchen to their doorstep. With this application, we're aiming to revolutionize the food delivery experience, ensuring it's a smooth and enjoyable ride for everyone involved. Get ready for a whole new level of convenience!

1.1.1 Problem Statement In today's fast-paced world, ordering food online has become a vital part of our lives. However, many existing platforms lack the user-friendliness and efficiency needed for both customers and restaurant owners. This project aims to bridge this gap by creating an intuitive and seamless food delivery application. For customers, navigating through existing food delivery apps can be a cumbersome task. Complicated interfaces and slow loading times often lead to frustration. Additionally, many users face difficulties in tracking their orders in real-time, leaving them anxious about the status of their food. This project seeks to address these issues by providing a user-friendly platform where customers can effortlessly create accounts, explore a wide array of restaurants, and order delicious meals with ease. They will also have the ability to track their orders in real-time and manage their profiles effortlessly. On the other side, restaurant owners face their own set of challenges. Existing platforms may not offer a streamlined process for adding, updating, and removing food items from their menus. This can lead to inefficiencies in managing their offerings. Moreover, keeping customers informed about the progress of their orders, from cooking to delivery, is often a cumbersome task. This project aims to provide restaurant owners with a secure and easy-to-use platform where they can efficiently manage their menus and keep customers updated on their orders' status, ultimately revolutionizing the food delivery experience for both customers and restaurant owners.

1.1.2 Objectives The project has several key objectives: 1. Create a seamless platform for customers to easily order food from a variety of restaurants in their city. 2. Provide restaurant owners with a user-friendly interface to efficiently manage their menus and orders. 3. Enable users to effortlessly create accounts, log in, and sign up for a hassle-free experience. 4. Establish a secure system for restaurant owners to register and manage their establishments within the application. 5. Utilize cutting-edge technologies such as React Native, Python with Flask, MySQL, and Firebase to ensure a robust and efficient platform. 6. Implement real-time order tracking to enhance transparency and keep customers informed about their deliveries.

1.1.3 Scope The proposed application seeks to create a user-friendly platform catering to both customers and restaurant owners, facilitating efficient food delivery services. By harnessing modern technologies such as React Native with Expo for the front end, Python with Flask for the backend, MySQL for the database, and Firebase for image storage, this project aims to revolutionize the food delivery experience. For end-users, the app offers a range of functionalities that simplify the entire process. Users can easily create accounts, enabling seamless logins and hassle-free sign-ups. They can then choose their city, browse through a diverse selection of restaurants, and explore a wide menu of mouthwatering dishes. The ordering process is streamlined to ensure a smooth and stress-free experience. Additionally, users have the ability to track their orders in real-time, review their order history, and manage their profiles according to their preferences. Restaurant users, on the other hand, have a tailored set of features at their disposal. They are provided with a secure login system and the option to register their restaurants within the application. This empowers them to effortlessly add, remove, and update the food items available in their establishments. The interface is intuitively designed, ensuring restaurant owners can manage their offerings with utmost convenience. Furthermore, restaurant users can keep track of the status of their orders and provide customers with timely updates, from the cooking stage to packaging and, finally, delivery. In essence, this project envisions an inclusive platform that redefines the food delivery landscape, offering a seamless experience for both customers and restaurant owners. With its user-friendly interfaces and cutting-edge technologies, this application is poised to revolutionize the way people interact with food delivery services in our dynamic and diverse-culinary-landscape

Chapter-2

2.1 Critical evaluation of journal papers: Paper 1: COVID-19 and the food industry: Readiness assessment This paper talks about how the COVID-19 pandemic affected the food industry. Even though many businesses had to close because of government rules, the food industry had to keep working to make sure people had enough to eat. It's really important to make sure the workers stay safe and that the food is still safe to eat. The paper gathered information from trusted sources like the World Health Organization (WHO), governments, and scientific journals up until June 5th, 2020. It's meant to help teachers, researchers, and people who make rules, as well as be a guide for businesses to make sure they can keep going during these tough times. The COVID-19 pandemic started in China in December 2019 and spread all over the world really fast. Because of this, the WHO said it was a worldwide pandemic on March 11, 2020. This disease, caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus, can cause symptoms like fever, cough, trouble breathing, and loss of taste and smell. Most people have mild cases, but some get really sick. Lots of countries told people to stay home to slow down the spread of the virus, which meant lots of businesses had to close and people couldn't travel or gather in big groups. The food industry is seen as something really important, just like healthcare, energy, and communication. This means it has to keep running so that everyone has enough to eat. But the industry faced some big challenges, like problems with getting food from the farms to the stores and more people wanting to buy food. They also had to make sure their workers were safe while still making sure the food was safe and that people could trust it. For example, in the U.S., there were thousands of COVID-19 cases and deaths among workers in places where they process meat and poultry. Different groups, both from the government and from private companies, made rules and gave help to the food industry during this time. They keep updating

these rules as they learn more. This review brings together all this information from trustworthy sources to help the food industry decide on safety steps and the best ways to keep going. To do this research, they carefully looked at all the advice and information available for the food industry during the pandemic. They studied content from good websites, including the government and other groups, as well as the WHO. They also read scientific articles that were published from the beginning of the crisis until June 5th. This thorough approach makes sure that the information they give is accurate and useful for the food industry to make good decisions.

Paper 2: Food Supply Chain and Business Model-Innovation

This research is all about finding better ways to get food from the people who make it to the people who eat it. With the world's population set to grow a lot by 2050, we're going to need more food. But even though we've made some improvements in how we get food, there are still many people who don't have enough to eat. Plus, climate change is making it harder to grow food. So, we need to come up with new ideas for how we handle the whole process of getting food to people. The way food gets from the farms to your plate involves a bunch of steps. First, farmers grow the crops. Then, companies turn those crops into the food products you see in stores. After that, distributors get them to the shops, and finally, you buy and eat them. Each of these steps is like a business, with its own plan for how to do things, and they all try to do it in a way that helps them stay ahead. Things like society, money, and the environment also affect how these businesses work. The study looked at 72 different documents that focused on different parts of this process. Some talked about farmers, some about the companies that turn crops into food, some about the distributors, and some about the shops. Some looked at the whole process from start to finish. By putting them into categories, the researchers could study the different ways businesses operate in each part. A business model is like a plan that shows how a company makes, delivers, and earns money from its products or services. Business model innovation means finding new and better ways to do this. It might involve changing what they offer, how they get it to you, or how they make it. This kind of innovation can be a reaction to changes in the world, or it can be a way for a company to get ahead of the competition. Overall, this study helps us see how these business plans and their new ideas are really important in making sure there's enough food for the future. It shows how all the different parts of the process can work together to make sure there's always-enough-food-for-everyone

Paper 3: Review of Online Food Delivery Platforms and their Impacts on Sustainability

This paper talks about how ordering food online, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic, has both good and bad effects on sustainability. On one hand, it helped people get food easily and supported food businesses. But, some people and restaurants have also criticized it and even stopped using it. The study looks at three main areas - money, society, and the environment - to see how online food delivery affects them. In terms of money, it can create jobs and make businesses more money, but some say it charges restaurants too much and delivery workers might not have good working conditions. In terms of society, it changes how people relate to their food, affects public health, and messes with traffic. For the environment, it makes a lot of waste and causes pollution. The paper says that everyone involved should think carefully about how to make sure online food delivery is good for everyone and doesn't harm anyone or the planet. People all around the world are buying things online more and more because they have more money to spend, trust paying online, and can find lots of options online. One big part of this is using apps and websites to get food delivered, which has become really popular. This has changed how people buy food and how food businesses work, but we still need to see how it affects money, society, and the environment. Buying things online has been growing a lot in the last ten years because people have more money to spend, work longer hours, can get on the internet easily, and feel safer about paying online. China is a big example of this, with way more online sales in 2019 than the United States. In fact, China makes up more than half of all online sales in the world. In the Asia-Pacific region, people spent a huge amount on special online shopping days like Singles Day in 2019, which was much more than what was spent on Black Friday and Cyber Monday in North America. This paper wants to look at all the different ways that using online food delivery a lot can affect things. It wants to see what's good and what's hard about it, and give advice to the people who make the rules, the people who work in the industry, and the people who use the services, so that it can be as good as possible for everyone. The next parts of the paper will give a really detailed look at the online food delivery world to explain what they found.

Paper 4: Online Food Delivery Services: Making Food Delivery the New Normal

This research paper talks about how ordering food online has become really popular in Malaysia, especially in big cities like Kuala Lumpur and Penang. Even though the food industry is already huge, the delivery part is still small, which means there's a lot of potential for growth. It's predicted that by 2022, online food delivery will make about USD 956 million in revenue, making it one of the fastest-growing parts of the food market. In Malaysia, a bunch of online food delivery services like Food Panda, Deliver Eat, Uber Eats, and others have come up. They've changed the way people get food - it's not just for take-out anymore, it's a normal way to eat. This is mainly because of how busy city folks are. Ordering food online makes it quick and easy for them to get a meal. You can choose from lots of different places, whether you want to cook, eat out, or get it delivered. This has become a regular thing for city people. This change in how people eat is because of how life is in the city. People who live in cities have really busy schedules, so getting food delivered is a simple way to eat. Having so many options for delivery makes it easy to plan meals, whether you feel like cooking or not. Also, because a lot of people in Malaysia use smartphones, it's even easier to order food online. Being

able to order from your phone has made a big difference in how many people use online food delivery. Even though online food delivery is getting really popular, there aren't many studiesthat look at why people like it and how they decide to use it, especially in Malaysian cities. So, this research wantsto figure out why people in the city choose to use online food delivery. They're going to look at things like how easy it is to use, if it saves time, how convenient it is, and if people feel like their privacy and info are safe. This study is important because it can help the people who run online food delivery services and future restaurant owners. Knowing what people like and why they use online food delivery will help the industry keep growing and doing well

Chapter-3-PROJECT-FLOW-AND METHODOLOGY

3.1 Project Methodology: The development of this application follows a structured approach to ensure efficiency and effectiveness in delivering a seamless food delivery experience for both customers and restaurant owners. The chosen methodology is a combination of Agile and Waterfall, tailored to the specific needs of this project.

1. Planning and Requirement Gathering: In the initial phase, the project team collaborates closely with stakeholders to gather detailed requirements. This involves understanding the specific needs of both end-users and restaurant owners. Through discussions and feedback sessions, we identify key features, functionalities, and design preferences.

2. System Design and Architecture: With the requirements in hand, we proceed to design the system architecture. This involves deciding on the technologies and frameworks, such as React Native with Expo for the front end, Python with Flask for the backend, MySQL for the database, and Firebase for image storage. The architecture is designed to be scalable and robust, ensuring smooth performance even during peak usage.

3. Development and Implementation: The development phase is divided into sprints, each lasting two weeks. This allows for continuous progress and regular updates to stakeholders. The front-end and back-end teams work concurrently, with daily stand-up meetings to track progress and address any challenges. The use of React Native and Expo ensures a responsive and user-friendly interface, while Python with Flask enables efficient data processing and management. 4. Database Setup and Management: The MySQL database is carefully structured to efficiently store and retrieve data related to users, restaurants, menu items, orders, and more. Proper indexing and normalization techniques are employed to ensure optimal performance.

5. Testing and Quality Assurance: Rigorous testing is an integral part of our methodology. Our QA team conducts both manual and automated teststo identify and rectify any bugs or discrepancies. Through this process, we aim to deliver a robust and error-free application.

6. Deployment and User Training: Once the application is thoroughly tested and deemed ready for launch, it is deployed on a secure server. The team provides training sessions for both end-users and restaurant owners to ensure they can navigate and utilize the platform effectively. By combining the strengths of Agile for adaptability and Waterfall for structured planning, we aim to deliver a high-quality, user-friendly food delivery platform that meets the diverse needs of our users and restaurant partners. This approach ensures transparency, collaboration, and a well-defined development process throughout the project lifecycle

FLOW CHART:

3.2 Requirements:

3.2.1 Hardware Requirements

Hardware	Specifications
Operating System	Windows, Linux
Processor	Minimum Intel i3
RAM	Minimum 4 GB
Storage	Minimum 250 GB

Table 3.1: Hardware Requirements

3.2.2 Software Requirements

Table 3.2: Software Requirements

Software	Version I
React Native with Expo	Native 0.63
Python with Flask	3.0.0
MySQL	10.4. 12
Firebase	v12. 5.4

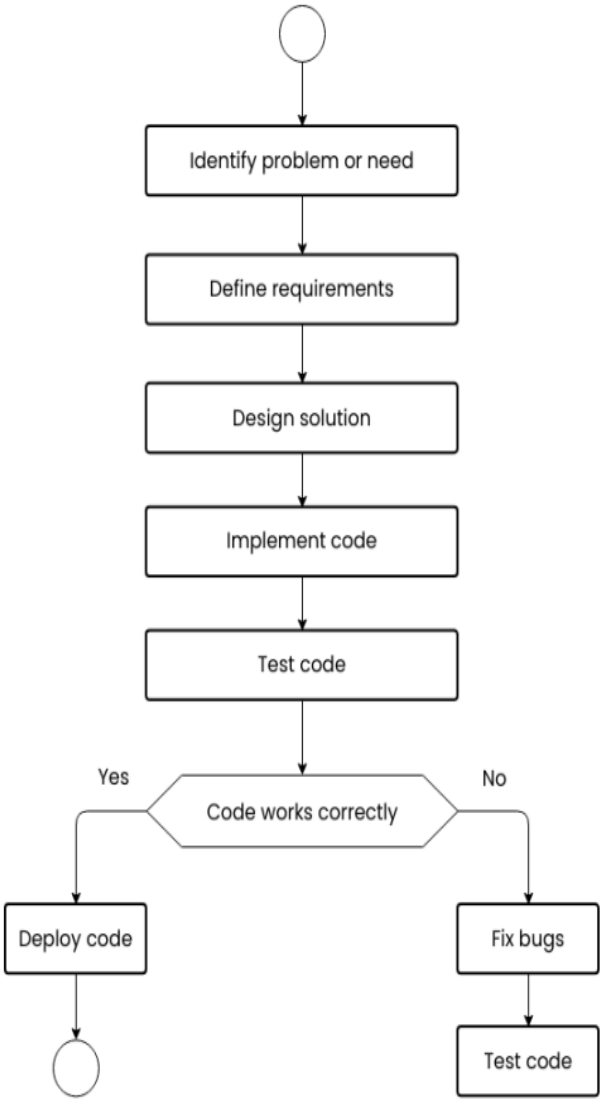

Figure 3.1: Flow Diagram

3.3 Result: The development phase of this project was a culmination of meticulous planning and dedicated execution. The application was built using a combination of cutting-edge technologies to ensure a seamless experience for both customers and restaurant owners. On the front end, we utilized React Native with Expo, a powerful framework that allowed us to develop a user-friendly interface. This choice not only ensured cross-platform compatibility but also enabled us to deliver a smooth and responsive user experience. The use of React Native with Expo was particularly beneficial in reachinga wider audience, as it allowed the application to run on both Android and iOS devices. For the backend, Python with Flask was employed to handle the logic and functionality of the application. This combination provided a robust foundation for processing user requests, managing databases, and facilitating communication between the front end and backend systems. The use of Python with Flask allowed for efficient handling of data, ensuring that user interactions were processed swiftly and accurately. The database was built using MySQL, a reliable and widely used relational

database management system. This choice was made to ensure secure and efficient data storage and retrieval. MySQL allowed us to organize and manage the extensive amount of data related to users, restaurants, menus, and orders in a structured and organized manner. Firebase was integrated for image storage, providing a seamless solution for uploading and displaying images within the application. This technology allowed for quick and efficient handling of visual content, enhancing the overall user experience by providing enticing visuals of the available food items. Throughout the development process, rigorous testing and debugging were conducted to identify and rectify any potential issues. This ensured that the application was robust, reliable, and ready for deployment. In conclusion, the development phase was characterized by a strategic blend of React Native with Expo, Python with Flask, MySQL, and Firebase. This combination of technologies, along with thorough testing, resulted in a user-friendly platform that offers

efficient food delivery services for both customers and restaurant owners. The final product stands as a testament to the collaborative effort and technical expertise of our team.

3.4 Conclusion:

In the fast-paced world we live in today, convenience is paramount. Our project, a user-friendly food delivery application, is tailored to meet the needs of both customers and restaurant owners. Through the adept use of cutting-edge technologies like React Native with Expo, Python with Flask, MySQL, and Firebase, we have crafted a seamless platform that redefines the food delivery experience. For end-users, this application offers a gateway to a plethora of culinary delights, all at their fingertips. With a simple account creation process, users can effortlessly navigate through a diverse range of restaurants in their city. The ordering process is streamlined to ensure a hassle-free experience, making meal selection a breeze. Furthermore, the real-time order tracking and order history features provide transparency and convenience, enhancing the overall customer experience. On the other side of the spectrum, restaurant owners find a powerful tool to manage their businesses efficiently. The secure login system and intuitive interface allow for seamless registration and management of their establishments. Adding, deleting, and updating menu items has never been easier, empowering restaurant owners to keep their offerings current and appealing. The ability to track order status and communicate updates ensures a smooth flow of operations from the kitchen to the customer's doorstep. In a diverse and dynamic country like India, where food culture is an integral part of daily life, our application caters to a wide range of tastes and preferences. It bridges the gap between eager customers and dedicated restaurant owners, facilitating a symbiotic relationship that benefits both parties. Moreover, this project is not only a testament to our technical prowess but also reflects our commitment to creating solutions that have a real-world impact. It addresses a fundamental need in our society - convenient access to quality food. By employing a combination of robust technologies, we have demonstrated the potential to revolutionize the food delivery industry. As we conclude this documentation, we envision a future where our application becomes a cornerstone of the food delivery landscape, connecting people through the joy of delicious cuisine. We are proud of what we have achieved, and we look forward to seeing the positive impact our project will have on individuals and businesses alike. This is more than just a collage project; it is a testament to our dedication, creativity, and problem-solving abilities. Together, we have created something truly special.

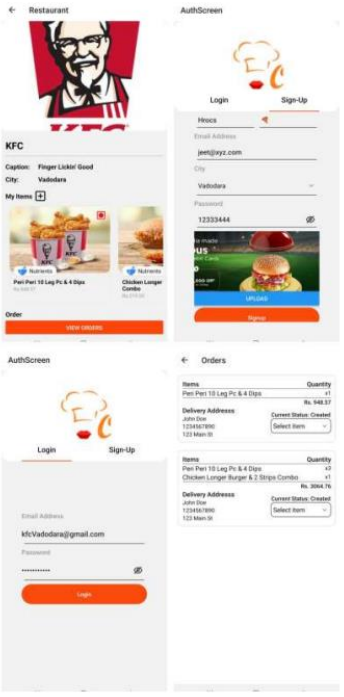

Figure 3.3: Restaurant User Interface

Chapter 4 Future Work 4.1 Practical 1. Enhanced User Experience: Implement user feedback loops and conduct usability testing to continually refine and improve the application's interface and overall experience.

2. Integrate Payment Gateways: Include additional payment options such as digital wallets, UPI, and other popular regional payment methods to cater to a wider user base.

3. Multi-language Support: Enable the application to support multiple languages to accommodate a diverse user population.

4. Recommendation Engine: Implement an intelligent recommendation system based on user preferences, order history, and popular choices to enhance personalized user experiences.

5. Advanced Analytics and Reporting: Develop a robust analytics dashboard for restaurant owners to gain insights into customer behavior, popular dishes, and sales trends. 6. Geolocation Services: Integrate advanced geolocation services to provide accurate and real-time tracking of delivery drivers and orders for both customers and restaurant owners.

7. Leveraging AI for Customer Support: Consider incorporating AI-driven chatbots or virtual assistants to manage routine customer queries and support needs, ensuring swift and effective resolutions.

8. Inventory Management: Create a feature for restaurant owners to efficiently manage their inventory, receive alerts for low-stock items, and automate restocking processes.

9. Expand to Multiple Platforms: Extend the application's compatibility to other platforms such as iOS, web browsers, and potentially emerging platforms to reach a wider audience.

10. Implement Reviews and Ratings: Enable users to leave reviews and ratings for restaurants and individual

dishes, fostering a sense of community and trust among users

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