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Design and Implementation of FitSphere as an Android Application for Gym Membership Management at Chain Gym

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Abstract

The advancement of information technology in the digital era has driven transformation across various sectors, including the fitness industry. Chain Gym, located in Klaten, faces challenges in managing data and membership services that are still handled manually and separately, causing inefficiencies in class registration, fitness tracking, and member information management. To address these issues, this study developed an Android application called FitSphere, built using the Kotlin programming language and Firebase as the backend, to create membership management integrated system.The development process adopted the Rapid Application Development (RAD) methodology, consisting of requirements planning, system design using UML, construction, and a cutover phase involving testing and deployment. FitSphere offers key features such as member registration, gym news, membership subscription, consultation, workout history, class registration, and BMI calculation. The results of Black Box Testing showed a 100% success rate, indicating that all features functioned properly. The application improves operational efficiency, facilitates service access for members, and provides management with deeper insights into user needs. Overall, FitSphere serves as an effective digital solution that enhances Chain Gym's competitiveness in the modern fitness industry.

1. Introduction

The digital era, with advances in information technology, has brought significant changes across various sectors, including the fitness industry [1]. Technologies such as mobile-based applications have enabled more efficient data management and provided a more personalized user experience [2], [3]. In the fitness industry, mobile applications allow members to access information, register for classes, and monitor their fitness progress [4]. The integration of features such as class registration, membership management, consultations, workout history tracking, and Body Mass Index (BMI) calculation enhances service quality [5]. Previous studies have shown that service quality affects customer satisfaction by 73.44%, while the remaining 26.56% is influenced by other factors [6], and improved satisfaction can increase customer loyalty by up to 90.44% [7] [8].

However, most existing gym management applications still have limitations in data integration across features, usability, and real-time analysis of member activities. Some do not fully support flexible access for both users and administrators within a unified system. This highlights the need for a solution capable of integrating data management, services, and interactions between members and administrators efficiently. Previous studies have emphasized that service quality significantly affects customer satisfaction in the fitness industry, with dimensions such as reliability, responsiveness, and assurance being the main determinants [9], [10][11]. These findings align with Polyakova and Mirza (2016), who highlighted the importance of the co-creation aspect in fitness services [9], and Lee et al. (2023), who demonstrated that core service and servicescape factors strongly influence customer satisfaction [10]. Chain Gym is a modern fitness facility in Klaten that provides comprehensive amenities, including complete fitness equipment, fitness classes, and personal training. The main challenges faced include inefficiencies in class registration, monitoring member progress, and the absence of an integrated system, which affects both satisfaction and operational efficiency [12]. Therefore, an integrated system-based solution is required to address these issues.

This study develops an Android-based application called FitSphere to assist in managing member data at Chain Gym. The application allows users to register, join classes, consult with trainers, record workout history, and calculate BMI [13]. Mobile technology was chosen for its flexibility, enabling access anytime and anywhere for both users and administrators. The application is expected to improve operational efficiency and member satisfaction [5]. The objective of this study is to create a comprehensive solution for Chain Gym to manage member data and enhance user experience. The application is expected to streamline administrative processes, provide insights for management, and serve as a reference for developing similar applications in the fitness industry [8], [13]. Through the implementation of FitSphere, Chain Gym is expected to increase member loyalty and strengthen its competitiveness in the market.

2. Research Method

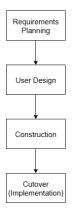


Figure 1. RAD method

The development method used in this study is Rapid Application Development (RAD). This model was chosen because it enables faster application development through iterative processes involving active user participation at each stage. The structure of the RAD method used in this study is illustrated in Figure 1, which shows the workflow from requirements planning to system implementation. The FitSphere application was developed using the RAD method, involving active collaboration between the researchers and gym management to ensure an efficient and timely development process [14], [15]. During the Requirements Planning phase, observations and interviews were conducted with Chain Gym to identify essential features such as BMI calculation, member data management, and news delivery [16]. The data obtained from these observations and interviews were then analyzed qualitatively, examining user needs and existing challenges to determine the most relevant features for the application. In the User Design phase, Unified Modeling Language (UML) was used to visualize the system's structure through *Use Case Diagrams* and *Activity Diagrams*,

illustrating user interactions and process flows within the application [17], [18]. The Construction phase involved implementing the design into a functional Android application using Kotlin and Firebase, along with integration of the Midtrans Payment Gateway to enable fast and secure transactions [19]. Finally, in the Implementation stage, Black Box Testing was conducted to verify that core features such as payment processing, BMI calculation, and data management functioned according to the design. In addition, usability testing was carried out with both Chain Gym administrators and members to evaluate the application's ease of use, interface design, and overall user satisfaction [20].

3. Result and Discussions

3.1 Requirements Planning

Based on qualitative data analysis obtained through observation, interviews, and document analysis, several key features were identified for implementation in the FitSphere application, with two types of interfaces: one for members and one for administrators. The member interface includes features such as registration and login, membership purchase, class booking, latest news access, class tracking, a BMI calculator, personal trainer consultation, and workout history tracking. Meanwhile, the admin interface includes member data management, transaction reports, consultant, class, and news management, and a QR code scanning system for verifying member attendance. The usability testing conducted with Chain Gym's admins and members indicated that the application is user-friendly, supports data management, and improves operational efficiency [21][22]. However, this study has a limitation, as the testing was conducted only within a single gym, meaning the results may not be generalizable to other fitness centers.

3.2 User Design (Workshop)

In this phase, the user design for Chain Gym members and admins is illustrated using Unified Modeling Language (UML), specifically through Use Case Diagrams and Activity Diagrams[18]. The following Use Case Diagram is used to visualize the interactions between the main actors, namely the members and the admin, with the various features available in the FitSphere application, as shown in Figure 2.

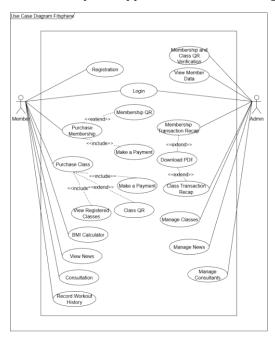
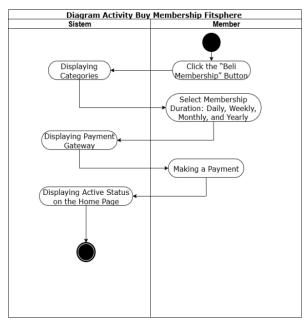


Figure 2. Use Case Diagram

Meanwhile, the following Activity Diagram is used to illustrate the process flow within the application, which includes the stages of membership and class purchase, Body Mass Index (BMI) calculation, consultation, and workout history recording.



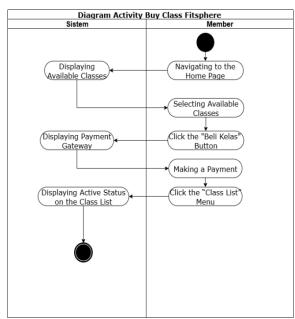


Figure 3. Buy Membership

Figure 4. Buy Class

This activity diagram illustrates the interaction between the member and the system in purchasing memberships through the payment gateway, as shown in Figure 3, which provides a visualization of the steps taken by the member during the membership purchase process, and the class purchase process is shown in Figure 4, which provides a visualization of the steps taken by the member during the class purchase process.

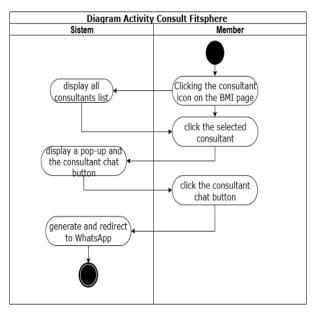
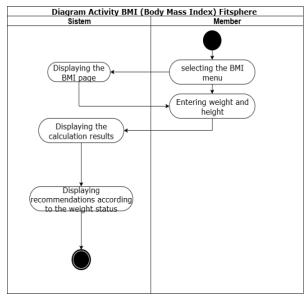


Figure 5. consult

This activity diagram illustrates the interaction of a member with the system when the member wants to consult with a personal trainer at Chain Gym. Figure 5 visualizes the steps taken by the member in the process of consulting with a personal trainer.



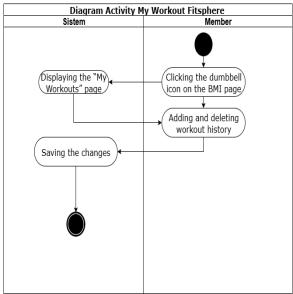


Figure 6. BMI (Body Mass Index)

Figure 7. My Workout History

This activity diagram illustrates the interaction between the member and the system in calculating the ideal body weight using the BMI calculator, as shown in Figure 6, which provides a visualization of the steps taken by the member in the process of calculating the Body Mass Index (BMI), and recording the member's workout history, as shown in Figure 7, which visualizes the steps taken by the member in monitoring daily workouts.

3.3 Construction

At this stage, the coding was carried out according to the plans made during the user design phase by the researcher. The code implementation of the FitSphere application is as follows:



Figure 8 shows the login page of the application, where users enter their email and password. Figure 9 shows the registration page, which allows members to create a new account by filling out a form containing their email, full name, phone number, age, address, and password. Figure 10 shows the home page, which enables members to easily purchase memberships or classes and displays the latest news at the bottom of the page. Figure 11 shows the news page, which allows members to view all news available at Chain Gym.



Figure 12 shows the "My Classes" page, where members can monitor the classes they have purchased and present a barcode to the admin for verification when attending Chain Gym. Figure 13 shows the BMI page, where members can track their weight and compare it with their ideal weight. Figure 14 shows the Consultant page, which displays a list of consultants that members can contact for consultation. Figure 15 shows the Workout History page, which allows members to conveniently record their training results.



Figure 16 shows the admin home page, which allows the admin to monitor member data and check whether a member's membership is still active. This page also includes a transaction recap button to help the admin record all transactions. Figure 17 shows the Class Management page, which makes it easier for the admin to manage the available classes. Figure 18 shows the Consultant Management page, which allows the admin to organize consultant data. Figure 19 shows the News Management page, which enables the admin to share news from Chain Gym with members.



Figure 20. QR Scan Page

Figure 20 shows the QR Scan page, which helps the admin scan when members arrive at the gym to verify their membership data.

3.4 Cutover (Implementation)

The final stage of this method is the cutover, in which testing using the Black Box technique was conducted on the FitSphere application [19]. At this stage, the application's functions and features were tested to ensure that the system operates according to the specified requirements and is free from errors that could disrupt the user experience, ensuring that the application is ready to be used by Chain Gym members and admins. In addition, usability testing was also conducted with Chain Gym administrators and members to evaluate the application's ease of use, interface design, and overall user satisfaction.

Table 1. Black Box Testing of the FitSphere Application Member

Testing	Expected Results	Test Results	Results
Member Account Registration	Members can register an account	Member account successfully registered	✓
Member Login	Members can log in to the application	Members successfully access the home page	✓
Membership Purchase	Members can purchase a membership	Members successfully purchased a membership	✓
Class Purchase	Members can purchase a class	Members successfully purchased a class	✓
Select the News menu	Enter the News page	Successfully accessed the News page and displayed all news articles	✓
Select the "My Classes" menu	Can access the "My Classes" page	Successfully accessed the "My Classes" page and displayed all purchased classes	✓

Testing	Expected Results	Test Results	Results
Select the BMI Calculator menu	Can access the BMI Calculator page and determine the ideal body weight	Successfully accessed the BMI Calculator page and successfully determined the ideal body weight	√
Select the Consultant menu	Can access the Consultant page and conduct a consultation	Successfully accessed the Consultant page, displayed the list of consultants, and successfully conducted a consultation	✓
Select the Workout History menu	Can access the Workout History page and record workout history	Successfully accessed the page and successfully recorded the workout history	✓

Based on the results of testing all FitSphere application features for members, it can be concluded that all features functioned as expected. Each tested feature ranging from account registration, login, membership and class purchase, access to the News menu, the "My Classes" menu, BMI Calculator, Consultant menu, to the Workout History menu was executed successfully without any issues. The test results indicate that members can interact with the application smoothly and obtain results according to the intended purpose of each feature. Therefore, the FitSphere application is considered successful and ready for use by Chain Gym members.

Table 2. Black Box Testing of the FitSphere Application Admin

Testing	Expected Results	Test Results	Results
Admin Login	Admin can log in to the application and monitor member data	Admin successfully accessed the application and monitored member data on the home page	✓
Select the Class Management menu	Can access the Class Management page and manage classes	Successfully accessed the Class Management page and successfully performed CRUD operations on classes	√
Select the Consultant Management menu	Can access the Consultant Management page and manage consultants	Successfully accessed the Consultant Management page and successfully performed CRUD operations on consultants	✓
Select the News Management menu	Can access the News Management page and manage news articles	Successfully accessed the News Management page and successfully performed CRUD operations on news articles	✓
Select the Scan QR menu	Can access the QR Scan page and scan members' barcodes	Successfully accessed the QR Scan page and successfully scanned barcodes to verify members	√

Based on the testing results using the *Black Box Testing* method on the FitSphere application features for the admin, it can be concluded that all features functioned as expected. All tested features, including admin login, class management, consultant management, news management, and QR scanning for member verification, were successfully executed without any issues. The testing results show that the admin can smoothly access the application, monitor member data, perform CRUD operations on classes, consultants, and news, as well as scan QR codes to accurately verify membership status. Furthermore, usability testing was conducted by the admin and several Chain Gym members, yielding positive results with all features operating properly. With all functions performing as intended, the testing success rate reached 100%, indicating that the FitSphere application is ready to be used by Chain Gym admins.

4. Conclusions and Future Works

Based on the research conducted, the researcher successfully developed the FitSphere application, achieving the study's main objective of enhancing membership management efficiency and user experience through an Android-based system. The system enables admins to manage member data efficiently and in an organized manner, while also allowing members to register for memberships and classes without having to visit Chain Gym in person. The application also includes a consultation feature that allows members to communicate directly with personal trainers, a workout history feature to record daily exercise activities, and a BMI calculator to help members monitor their body mass index.For future development, the application can be improved by focusing on interface enhancements, feature expansion, and security improvements. One possible direction is to broaden the application's scope so it can serve as a platform for multiple gyms. Further improvements may include integrating a real-time chat feature to facilitate direct communication between members and trainers, implementing AI-based health and workout tracking to provide personalized exercise or nutrition recommendations, and expanding integration with digital payment systems and data analytics to help admins monitor member activities, class effectiveness, and health trends. With continued development, FitSphere has the potential to evolve into a comprehensive fitness management platform that serves multiple gym branches in the future.

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