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### **ABSTRACT**

A Kids Tracking Mobile Application. This mobile application is designed for parents and provides real-time insights into kids' activities specifically for kids who at the education stage and rebellious years. The features provided by this mobile application are a real-time location display service, and historical tracking capabilities. The real-time location service enable parents and guardians can track and view their kids' location to ensure their safety and whereabouts. In addition, the historical tracking feature offers parents a thorough overview of past locations, enabling a deeper understanding of the routines and activities of their kids. Moreover, it can prevent kids from getting lost, protect parents and kids from scammers, and take appropriate actions in time when an emergency occurs. Application stands as a powerful tool with data privacy protections and user-friendly features. Hence, parents can operate the application easily. The objectives of this project are to provide a platform for parents to track the real-time location of kids and view the history location of their kids.

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# LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

GPS Global Positioning System

API Application Programming Interface

#### **Introduction**

In this chapter, I present the background of my project such as the problem statement, project scope, objectives, contribution and report organization.

#### 1.1 Project Background

The project focuses on developing a kids tracking mobile application that provides a platform for parents and guardians to keep their kids safe, not disturb them, and not make them feel like their privacy is being violated. Many parents choose to work outside the home to improve their family's living standard. As a result, they have no extra time to get to know their kids and no way to confirm their safety when the kids are not in their custody. In addition, incidents of fraud by scammers have increased recently. To prevent these problems, parents can use this mobile app to ensure the safety of their kids. This mobile application allows parents to monitor the real-time location of kids and the historical location data of kids. With these services, parents can focus on their work and learn where their kids are spending more time by reviewing the historical location feature. Besides that, this application is applicable to all individuals. It is highly user-friendly and effortless to use. In summary, this project aims to provide a user-friendly mobile application that effectively addresses the concerns of parents and guardians.

#### 1.2 Problem Statement and Motivation

#### 1.2.1 Parents are unable to ensure kid's safety

Kid's well-being and security are always parents' primary concerns. In this fast-paced world, most parents choose to work outside the home for their family and kids. This situation often leaves them unable to personally supervise their kid's safety and whereabouts throughout the day. Hence, the responsibility of taking care of the kid falls on other guardians automatically, such as grandparents or childcare facilities, which may lead to concern about the kid's safety, especially when unpredictable situations arise. There are various unpredictable situations, like children running away from home during family conflicts, or they may simply have a natural inclination towards exploration, or kids may get lost in an unfamiliar environment, these are

just a few examples. These unpredictable situations might place kids in potentially dangerous situations. This mobile application addresses these concerns by providing a platform that enables parents to track their kids' safety and location remotely.

#### 1.2.2 Prevent the scammers

Recent news reports have highlighted cases where scammers pretend to be the kids of their parents to deceive them and steal their money. Moreover, these reports also mentioned scenarios involving fraudulent phone calls, with scammers falsely claiming a kid kidnapping and demanding ransom payments. Based on the news [2], the scammer will send a shocking text to the kid's parents, duping them out of thousands of dollars. Besides that, according to the information from WA Scam Net at Consumer Protection, they received 47 reports, with 25 people losing almost \$120,000. In addition, [4] highlights that 77% of 1,000 surveyed parents do not supervise their kids when they play video games, and 25% do not implement any security measures to prevent internet scams. In response to the growing threat of scams targeting parents, a platform for kid tracking systems can play a crucial role in preventing such a situation.

#### 1.3 Objectives

- Provide a user-friendly platform for users of all technological backgrounds.
- Provide a platform for guardians or parents to review the history location of kids.
- Provide a platform for parents to track the real-time location of kids.

The primary objective of the Kids Tracking Mobile Application, provide a user-friendly and mobile friendly platform for grandparents who lack of technology knowledge, parents who are busy on their work also can ensure the safety of their kid and provide a platform for guardians who taking care of kid to ensure the location of kid.

Firstly, the design of kids tracking mobile application will focus on simplicity and ease of use, ensuring that even those with limited tech knowledge, such as grandparents, can navigate the app without difficulty. The platform will be optimized for mobile devices, allowing users to

access the app seamlessly on smartphones and tablets. This ensures that parents and guardians

can use the app whenever and wherever they need it, enhancing its practicality.

Furthermore, this mobile application as a powerful platform for parents to track the real-time

location of kids. Parents can monitor their kids' movement at any given moment, giving them

peace of mind when they are not physically present. This feature very important in

unpredictable situation such as id the kid gets lost or encounters danger. Parents can endure

their kids' safety without causing disruptions through real-time location tracking. For example,

if parents are unable to contact their kids, they can simply check the app's map feature and

confirm that their kids are at their kids are at their tuition center or focusing on their studies.

This allows parents to stay informed without interrupting their kids' personal activities.

In addition to real-time tracking, the app will offer a feature that allows parents to review the

history of their kids' locations. This historical tracking capability provides valuable insights

into the kid's daily routines and movements. Parents can use this information to identify

patterns, such as frequently visited locations, and ensure that their kids are staying within safe

areas. This feature also serves as a useful tool for discussions between parents and kids about

their activities and whereabouts.

1.4 Project Scope and Direction

The "Kids Tracking Mobile Application" is designed to help parents monitor and ensure the

safety of their kids, especially during their education years and potentially rebellious phases.

The project consists of two separate apps, one for parents and one for kids.

Parents can create an account for their kid through the parent app, which is used to manage and

track their kid's location. The kid app, acting like a kid tracker, is responsible for sharing the

kid's real-time location. Once the kid's app updated the new location data, parents can receive

and view the location on a map through their app. Additionally, the parent app allows them to

select a specific time period to view the history of their kid's movements and past locations,

giving them peace of mind about their kid's safety.

Both apps are developed and tested using Android Studio, with an emulator simulating how

they would function on real mobile devices.

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1.5 Contributions

The contribution of this project is to assist parents or guardians enhance their ability to ensure

the safety and well-being of their children. This user-friendly mobile application introduces a

lot of features designed to empower parents and provide them with a kid tracking mobile

application for tracking and safeguarding their loved ones.

Firstly, parents can use the parent app to track their child's location in real-time with the kids

tracking application. Parents may directly use the app to locate and find out where their kid

has been even if they are busy at work. Working parents will find this option especially useful

as they might not always have the time to contact or call their kids during the day.

Moreover, parents who want to see their child's location history can simply select a period such

as last three days, last week, last month and custom period. With the use of this feature, parents

may identify trends in their kid's movements, assisting them in understanding their routines

and ensuring their safety.

Lastly, this application is designed with a focus on simplicity. The user-friendly interface

ensures that users of any technological background can easily use the features. While the main

objective of this app is to ensure the safety of kids, it also ensure that kids do not feel like their

privacy is being violated. This achieved through open communication between parents and

kids, where kids understand that the tracking is a platform to ensure their safety, not to control

or intrude on their personal activities.

1.6 Report Organization

Nowadays, parents are becoming more concerned about the safety of their kids. With the rise

of digital technologies, parents seek innovative solutions to ensure the safety of their kids. A

mobile application serves as a platform that can be offered online, and a tracking system is

used to monitor the real-time location of a target. The field of kids' tracking systems

encompasses the interaction of technology, kid safety, and parental monitoring. In this project,

I propose developing a kid tracking mobile application for parents to track their kids instead of

relying on traditional methods of keeping track of them. The functions included in this mobile

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application are advanced GPS tracking, a user-friendly platform, real-time location display, and historical tracking capabilities.

Traditional methods used to keep track of kids are unsafe and ineffective, such as calling, texting, or relying on physical presence. According to references [2] and [3], impersonation fraud is the most prevalent type, accounting for 51% of reported incidents. Scammers exploit these methods to extract money from parents by deceptively posing as their kids.

To address these problems, this kid tracking mobile application offers a range of robust features tailored to parents' needs. With advanced GPS tracking, real-time location services, and historical tracking capabilities, parents and guardians can monitor the locations and activities of their kids.

This project also seeks to bridge the technological gap, catering to parents who may have limited tech expertise through user-friendly interfaces. The kids tracking mobile application is strategically designed to respond to these emerging concerns, offering parents a reliable tool to ensure their kids' safety while effectively countering potential threat

#### Literature Review

#### 2.1 Child tracking

Child tracking is an activity that involves using technology to monitor kids. Parents can use the monitoring system or other gadgets nearby to know where their kids are at all time. [12] As technology advances, this behavior becomes more complex, providing parents with more choice and options [12] to not only track their children's location but also monitor other aspects of their lives. For example, GPS-enabled devices, smartphone apps, and wearable trackers. While using these technologies can keep kids safer, they can also cause issues like diminished trust and lack of independence. [13]

#### 2.2 The deceit of scammer

According to the news [6], scammers in India are exploiting AI technology to perpetrare elaborate fraund schemes targeting parents. By creating convincing fake voice recordings of children using AI technology, scammers deceive parents into believing their children are in trouble. Recent cases in New Delhi show how clever these scams can be, with scammers going as far as pretending to be children to extort money from parents. It's important for parents to be aware of these deceptive tactics and take steps to protect themselves and their children. Scammers may now imitate voices and create conversations that seem to be coming from the purported captives, thanks to the development of low-cost and user-friendly AI programmes. In virtual kidnapping scams, criminals pretend to be someone's loved one by faking their voice on the phone. They exploit the emotional vulnerability of victims' loved ones by creating the illusion of immediate danger and demand money. According to the news [8], a victim receive a call from someone pretending to be their daughter, saying she's in trouble. Even though no one is actually kidnapped, these scams cause in emotional distress and finance loss.

#### 2.3 GPS tracking for children:balancing privacy and peace of mind

Use of GPS tracking devices for children can indeed offer both privacy and peace of mind to parents. By tracking their child's location, parents can ensure their safety without intrusive Bachelor of Information Technology (Honours) Communications and Networking Faculty of Information and Communication Technology (Kampar Campus), UTAR

phone calls or interruptions. The article [7] mentions that the author's daughter needed to go to another town for practice using public transport. To ensure her daughter's safety, the author used a GPS tracking device to check that daughter had caught the transport and safely reached her destination. It allows children to have more independence while still providing a sense of security for parents, especially in situation like travelling to unfamiliar locations. Besides that, communicating openly with children about the use of tracking device can prevent the misunderstandings and foster trust in the parents-child relationship. Overall, while GPS tracking can offer valuable peace of mind, it's essential for parents to balance its benefits with respecting their child's privacy and autonomy.

#### 2.4 Safety vs Snooping: Perspectives from Parents and Children

Parents often use geolocative technologies to protect their kids from damage, such accidents or kidnappings. To keep their kids safe without invading their privacy, parents frequently see these tools as necessary for carrying out their protective tasks. To reduce anxieties about overreach and control, they might refer to their activities as "checking in" as compared to "surveillance". Different parents may have different opinions about this kind of surveillance, and some may disagree about whether using these technologies amounts to spying or is still within the appropriate bounds of care. [19]

However, children can view continuous tracking as an invasion of their privacy, which could result in emotions of distrust or limited independence. While some could see the monitoring as necessary for safety, others might find it intrusive, which could undermine their feeling of autonomy and accountability. Therefore, the difficulty is striking a balance between the advantages of geolocation technology for safety and the requirement to protect children's privacy and encourage their independence. [19]

#### 2.5 Location tracking

Location tracking is using tracking technologies to monitor and track the physical location of a target. [14]. Location tracking technologies like GPS, Wi-Fi positioning (WPS) and so on.

#### 2.5.1 GPS

GPS tracking is one of the most popular types of tracking technology. It uses the GPS to track and monitor the location of a target remotely. This tracking technology can determine latitude, longitude, speed, and direction with an accuracy of 10 to 100 meters. It reliant on a network of 24 satellites orbiting the Earth regularly. [15]

#### 2.5.2 Wi-Fi positioning

Wi-Fi Positioning System (WPS) are used to precisely locate the objects and people indoors, where GPS might not work effectively. It uses signals such as the Received Signal Strength Indicator (RSSI) and MAC addresses from the access point to identify position. WPS accuracy ranges from 2 to 3 meters depending on the number of access points and the overall layout of the structure. Modern smartphone may achieve this level of precision. Besides that, it expanded using the current Wi-Fi access point without requiring any new equipment or infrastructure maintenance. [17]

#### 2.5.2 Cellular location positioning

Cellular location positioning refers to the technology that determines the location of a device using cell tower and network data. This method works well in densely populated areas, such as cities and buildings, where GPS maybe less effective. Cellular positioning thrives by utilizing crowdsourced Wi-Fi data and can pinpoint a user's location with high accuracy, often within a few feet. [18]

#### 2.5.3 Comparison accuracy data between GPS and WPS

The comparison of GPS and Wi-Fi Positioning System (WPS) accuracy reveals distinct strengths and weaknesses for each technology. According to Figure 2.1, GPS provides high accuracy with minimal noise in outdoor environments, achieving precise location

tracking. In contrast, WPS is more suited for indoor settings but can exhibit more noise and outliers in the data. For instance, data shows that GPS tracking data has fewer inaccuracies and better-defined trajectories compared to WPS, especially at a 30-second sampling rate. Despite WPS's ability to track locations indoors, it is more prone to errors and less precise compared to GPS. Therefore, for a kid tracking mobile application primarily used outdoors, GPS is the preferred choice due to its superior accuracy and reliability. [20]

In my project, I will use the tracking technologies to track the real-time location, which are GPS and cellular network positioning.

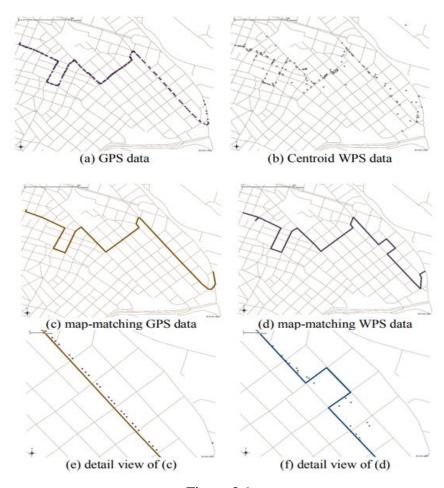


Figure 2.1

#### 2.6 Existing system

#### 2.6.1 Kaspersky Safe Kids

Kaspersky Safe Kids is a economical parental control app that provides a substantial range of features at a low price. It supports monitoring and controlling activities on PCs, Macs, and smartphones, making it a versatile options for families with multiple types of devices. The free tier allows for basic controls like setting screen-time limits and filtering websites, while the paid tier, priced at just \$15 per year, adds features like social media monitoring, location tracking, and geofencing. Despite its affordability, the app has some drawbacks, including a slow web portal and poorly designed mobile apps. However, for families on a budget, Kaspersky Safe Kids provides great value.

#### 2.6.2 Oustodio

Qustodio is a feature-packed parental control app that supports a wide range of platforms, including iOS, Android, Amazon Fire tablets, Macs, PCs, and Chromebooks. It offers advanced features like call and text monitoring on Android, making it one of the few apps that can still track these activities. Additionally, Qustodio's location tracking, geofencing, and Family Locator features work on both iOS and Android, and it allows for detailed app management. However, these capabilities come at a price, with the service costing up to \$138 per year for 15 devices. Despite its robust feature set, the web filtering is somewhat unreliable, which may be a concern for some users.

#### 2.6.3 Norton Family

Norton Family is a powerful parental control app that excels in households using Android and Windows devices. It offers a comprehensive set of features, including strong web filters, time scheduling, and location tracking, making it a great choice for families with multiple children. The app allows for an unlimited number of children and devices, which is a big plus for larger families. Additionally, Norton Family recently added geofencing to its feature set. However, it has some limitations, such as a lack of support for Macs and weaker mobile apps. It's especially appealing when bundled with Norton's antivirus products, providing excellent value for Android and Windows users.

#### 2.6.4 OurPact

OurPact is a well-designed parental control app that shines on iOS devices, offering a smooth and intuitive user experience. It allows parents to manage or block any app on both iOS and

Android, making it a versatile choice for controlling screen time and app usage. The app also involves children in managing their screen time, helping them learn to balance their device use. However, while it offers location tracking and geofencing, it lacks more advanced features like location history tracking. Its limited web filtering and potential for high costs may be drawbacks, but for families with iOS-heavy households, OurPact's user-friendly design makes it a top contender.

#### 2.6.5 Net Nanny

Net Nanny is widely regarded as one of the best parental control apps due to its modern, intuitive design and exceptional web-filtering technology. It works across both iOS and Android platforms, offering consistent features such as location tracking, location history, and time management. The app's content screening goes beyond basic filters by analyzing web pages and monitoring social media activity on platforms like Instagram, TikTok, and YouTube. While Net Nanny is somewhat expensive and lacks call or text monitoring, it stands out for its reliable geolocation, advanced web filters, and easy-to-use interface. For families looking for comprehensive control over their children's online activities, Net Nanny is a strong choice.

#### 2.6.6 Comparison between the existing systems

Table 2.6 Comparison between the existing system

Existing	Plaforms	Tracking Features	Drawbacks	Price
Application	Supported			
Kaspersky	Android, iOS,	Location tracking,	Slow web portal	\$15 per
Safe Kids	Windows, Mac	social media monitoring	and poorly UI	year
		and geofencing.	designed.	
Qustodio	Android, iOS,	Location tracking,	Expensive and	\$54.95 to
	Kindle Fire,	location history, call and	unreliable web	\$138 per
	Windows,	text monitoring, social	filtering.	year
	Mac, Chrome	media monitoring,		
	OS	Youtube monitoring and		
		geofencing.		

Norton	Android, iOS,	Location tracking,	Does not work	\$49.99 per
Family	Windows	location history,	on Macs, mobile	year
		Youtube monitoring,	apps lacking.	
		and geofencing.		
OurPact	Android, iOS	Location tracking, and	Expensive and	Free \$100
		geafencing.	limited web	per year
			filtering.	
Net Nanny	Android, iOS,	Location tracking,	Expensive and	\$59.99 per
	Kindle Fire,	location history, social	lack some iOS	year
	Windows	media monitoring,	features	
		Youtube monitoring and		
		geofencing.		

## System Methodology/Approach OR System Model

In this chapter, it will determine the necessary software and hardware required for my project and explain their purposes. Additionally, it will outline the steps involved in the development of the kids tracking mobile application and provide an overview of the system architecture.

#### 3.1 System Requirement

#### 3.1.1 Hardware

The hardware involved in this project is a laptop and Android mobile. The laptop will be used for developing the mobile application. To test the features of the application, it needs the cooperation of a laptop and mobile phone.

Table 3.1.1 (a) Specifications of laptop

Description	Specifications
Model	HP Pavilion x360 Convertible Model14-dh1057TX
Processor	Intel Core i7- 10510U
Operating System	Windows 11
Graphic	Intel Integrated HD Graphics 520
Memory	12 DDR4-2666 SDRAM
Storage	512 GB PCIe® NV Me <sup>TM</sup> M.2 SSD

Table 3.1.1 (b) Specifications of mobile phone

Description	Specifications	
Model	Vivo Y76 5G	
Processor	Octa-core (2x2.2 GHz Cortex-A76 & 6x2.0 GHz Cortex-A55)	
Operating System	Android 13, Fun touch 12	
Graphic	Intel Integrated HD Graphics 520	
Memory	12 GB RAM	
Storage	128GB	

#### 3.1.2 Software

I will be using Android Studio to develop the application and test the features of the application. Additionally, I integrate the Google Maps API to display the maps view when user need to view the real-time location and history location. Furthermore, I will use Firebase for user authentication services and the real-time database to store the data received from users.

Android Studio

Used to test the program as if it were running on an actual
Android mobile phone in laptop.

Table 3.1.2 Specifications of Android Studio

#### 3.2 System methodology

#### 3.2.1 Waterfall Model

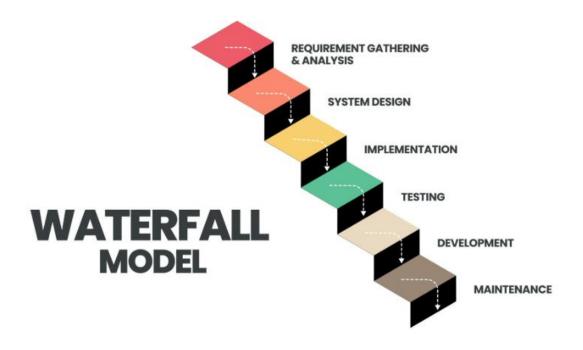


Figure 3.2.1

Waterfall model, one of the software development methodology, the process flows sequentially through defined phases such as requirements gathering & analysis, system design, implementation, system testing, system development and system maintenance. In requirements gathering and analysis phase, I will focus more on gather the information and documentation

about the requirements of my mobile application according to the problem statements. This involves identifying the needs of target clients, such as parents and guardians. By defining the essential functionality and features of the kids tracking mobile application, ensure the system meets the needs of users effectively. After gathering the requirements and conducting the analysis, I will proceed to design the system architecture. This include determining the database structure to store the data, designing user interfaces for user interaction, and defining the interaction between the components. During implementation phase, I will start developing the mobile application by building user interfaces, implementing the necessary components and resources, and setting up the database to store and manage the data. Testing is a crucial phase where I will conduct carious test cases to identify vulnerabilities and bugs in the system. Once bugs are identified, I will debug and fix the to ensure the security and reliability of system. Following bug fixes, I will focus on further improving the system based on testing feedback. This stage allows for enhancements to the reliability and quality of the system, ensuring it meets the requirements of users. In this maintenance stage, I may encounter new problems or receive feedback for new features based on changing requirements. I will address these problems and implement new features to optimize the performance and user experience of the mobile application, ensuring its effectiveness and meeting user requirements over time [10].

#### 3.2.2 Agile model



Figure 3.2.2

In the plan phase, I will outline the objective and scope of my project, including the features and functionalities that mobile app will provide, such as real-time location tracking, historical tracking and so on. During the design phase, define the overall architecture of the system, such as database structure and back-end service. The design should support the intended functionalities of the system and be in line with the requirements acquired during the planning phase. I will start writing code and implementing the system's features and functionalities during the development phase. A testing phase conducted throughout the development process to ensure the quality and reliability of kids tracking mobile application. This include unit testing, integration testing, and user acceptance testing. The requirements and user stories established during the planning stage provide the basis for the creation of test cases. Any bugs or vulnerabilities discovered during testing are addressed promptly. Once development and testing are complete, the system is deployed to a production environment where users can access it. Deployment involves configuring servers, creating databases, and distributing application code. After deployment, I will be conducting a review to evaluate the success of the project and gather feedback from target users. This phase includes assessing whether the kid tracking mobile application satisfies the initial requirements and objectives, as well as identifying areas for improvements. Future system iterations are informed by user feedback, which also helps to prioritize enhancements [9].

#### 3.2.3 Comparison of the waterfall model and agile model

Table 3.2.3

	Waterfall Model	Agile Model
Sequential and	It takes a <b>step-by-step</b>	Agile follows an iterative
Iterative	<b>approach</b> , where each phase of	approach where development
Approach	the development process like	is divided into small,
	requirements and analysis,	incremental cycles called
	design, implementation and	sprints. Every sprint includes
	other phases is finished before	planning, development, testing,
	moving on to the next phase.	and review and usually lasts 1 to
		4 weeks.
Flexibility and	It is less flexible and doesn't	It is highly flexible and
Adaptability	accommodate changes well	adaptable to changing

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	once a phase is completed. The	requirements, priorities, and
	implementation of changes	customer feedback. Throughout
	made later in the development	the development process, it
	process can be expensive and	allows constant improvement
	time-consuming to implement.	and modification, which makes
		it simpler to adapt to changes
		and satisfy user expectations.
Customer	Customer involvement is	Agile encourages consistent
Involvement	restricted to the initial	customer involvement and
	requirements gathering phase,	collaboration throughout the
	and there are few opportunities	development process. Customer
	for cooperation and comments	provide feedback during each
	while the product is being	sprint, ensuring that their needs
	developed.	and expectations are met in the
		finished product.
Risk	This model carries higher risk.	It minimizes risk by
Management	Because any bugs and problems	identifying and addressing
	might not be discovered until	issues early in the development
	much later in the development	process through frequent
	process. Delays and expensive	testing, feedback and iteration.
	rework may result from this.	This reduces the possibility of
		significant problems down the
		road and enables early course
		adjustment.
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Once the analysis of the waterfall model and agile model was finished. I am going to go with the **agile methodology** for my kids tracking mobile application. Agile models include lower risk management, regular customer participation, and more flexibility and adaptability. It makes it possible for high-quality software to be delivered effectively, better meeting user expectations, and adapting to changing the market conditions and requirements.

## System Design

#### 4.1 System Architecture Diagram

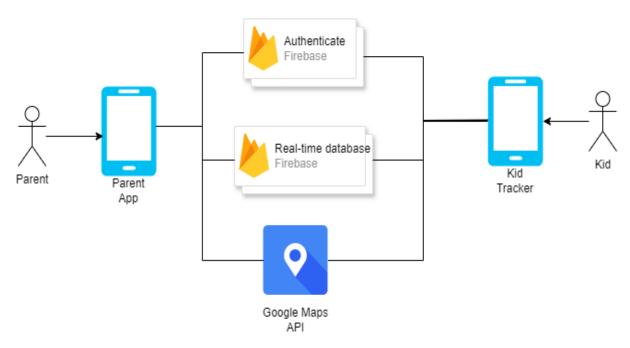


Figure 4.1

Parent app and kid app use Firebase Authentication to allow users login to the system securely and create an account to use the app. Firebase real-time database will store the data received by the parent app and kid app such as user credentials, location data (latitude and longitude) and historical location information. The parent app retrieves this data from Firebase and uses the Google Maps API to display the kid's real-time location on the map and the historical location of kid. Meanwhile, the kid app uses Google Location Services to obtain the current location and send to real-time database as well as display the real-time location on the map.

## 4.2 Use Case Diagram

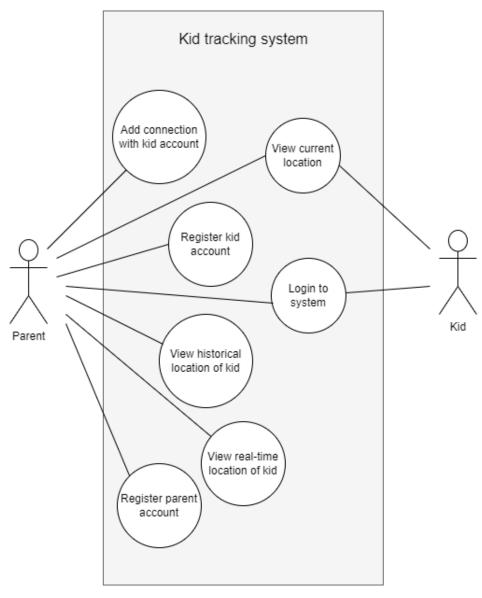


Figure 4.2

#### 4.3 System Flow Diagram

#### 4.3.1 Login Activity (Parent App)

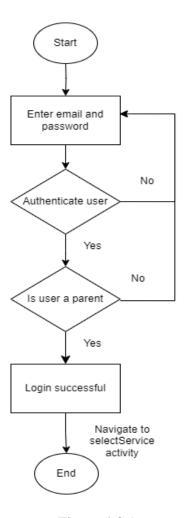


Figure 4.3.1

The figure above shows that users able to enter their email and password for logging into the parent app. The system will authenticate the users with Firebase to ensure the user is already registered with an account and verify their roles. If the user logs in using the parent account, the user will log in to the system and navigate to the "selectService" activity. If not, the login will fail, a message will be display and the user stays on the login page to re-enter the email and password.

#### 4.3.2 Register Activity (Parent App)

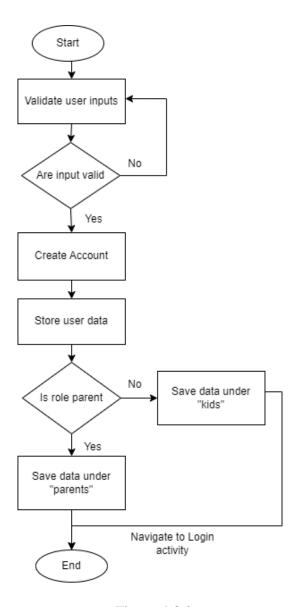
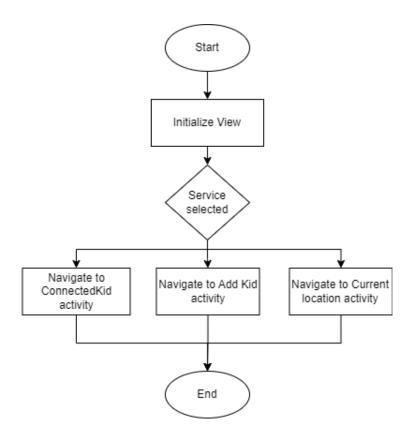


Figure 4.3.2

This figure shows that the system will validate the inputs from users, which are the username, email, and password, as well as select the role they want to register. If the inputs are valid, create an account using Firebase Authentication and store user data in Firebase's real-time database. Store the data provided by the user in the database under the correct node. For example, if the user is registering as a parent, the data will be saved under the "parents" node. Once the user registers their account, they will navigate to the login page.

#### **4.3.3** selectServices Activity (Parent App)



**Figure 4.3.3** 

In the "selectServices" activity, users are allowed to select the services provided by this app, which are "ConnectedKid", "AddKid" and "CurrentLocation". When the user selects one of these services, the app will navigate to the corresponding activity to perform the selected services.

#### 4.3.4 AddKid Activity (Parent App)

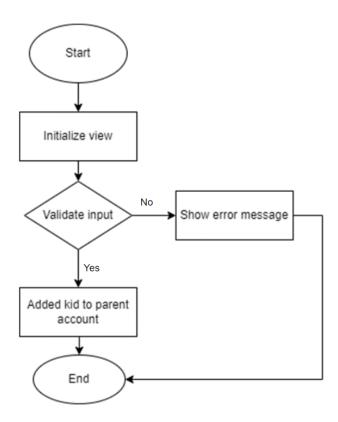


Figure 4.3.4

In the "AddKid" activity, parents can enter a valid username of their kids to establish a connection between kid and parent accounts. Once a valid username is entered, the system checks if the username exists in the "kids" node of the database. If the username is valid, the kid's data is linked to the parent's account, and the connection is successfully stored in the "parents" node of the database. If it does not exist in the database, the system displays an error message and the connection process is failed.

#### 4.3.5 ConnectedKid Activity (Parent App)

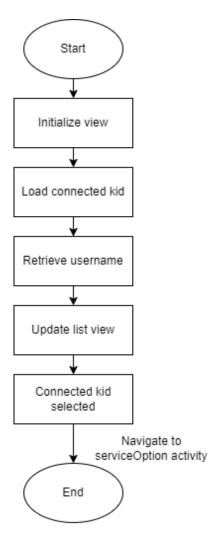
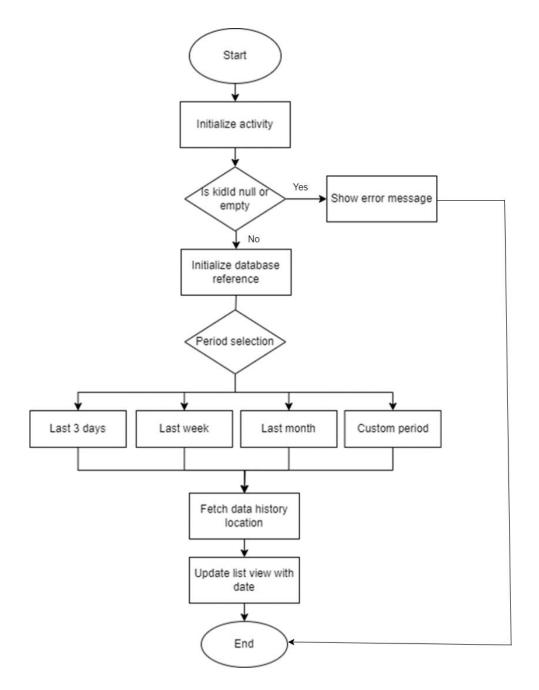


Figure 4.3.5

In this activity, the system will retrieve the list of kids connected with the current parent and fetch the username of each connected kid by their ID. Once the usernames of all connected kids are retrieved, the list view is updated with these usernames. Then parents can select a kid from the list and navigate to the "serviceOption" activity.

#### 4.3.6 KidLocationHistory Activity (Parent App)



**Figure 4.3.6** 

In this "KidLocationHistory" activity, the system will check the "kidId" under the "kids" node to confirm that the kid exists in the real-time database. If the kid exists, the system will setup the database reference to access the historical location data of the kid. If the kid does not exist, the system will notify the user and stop further processing. This app allows the user to select

the period of the historical location data, depending on the selection of the user, the system will fetch the corresponding result and update the list view with the date to the user.

#### **4.2.7** TrackKidLocation Activity (Parent App)

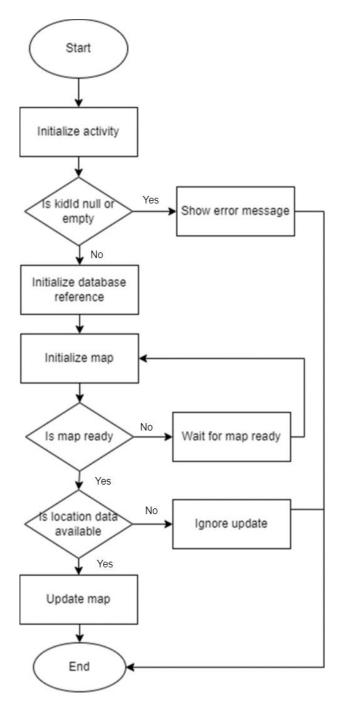
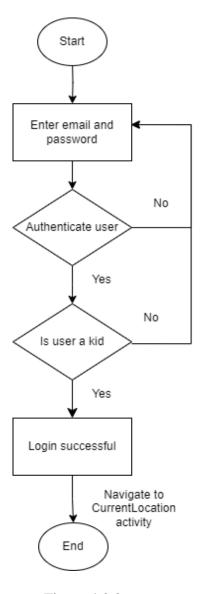


Figure 4.3.7

When this activity starts, the system will check if the "kidId" exists. If not, an error message is displayed and the activity closes. If the "kidId" exists, it will set up connections to the Firebase real-time database to retrieve the location and username of the kid. The system will wait for the Google map to be ready. Once the Google map is ready, it starts listening for updates to the kid's location. If new location data is received, the map updates with the latest location of the kid. If there is no new data, it ignores the update.

#### 4.2.8 Login Activity (Kid App)



**Figure 4.3.8** 

The figure above indicates that users can enter their email and password to log in to the kid app. The system will authenticate the users with Firebase to their account registration and verify their roles. If the user logs in using the kid account, the user logs in to the system and navigates to the "CurrentLocation" activity. If not, the login will fail, display a message and the user stays on the login page to re-enter the email and password.

# System Implementation

#### 5.1 Software Setup and Configuration

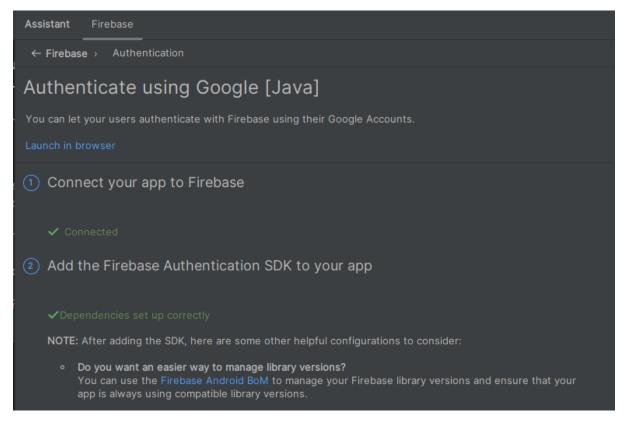


Figure 5.1 (a)

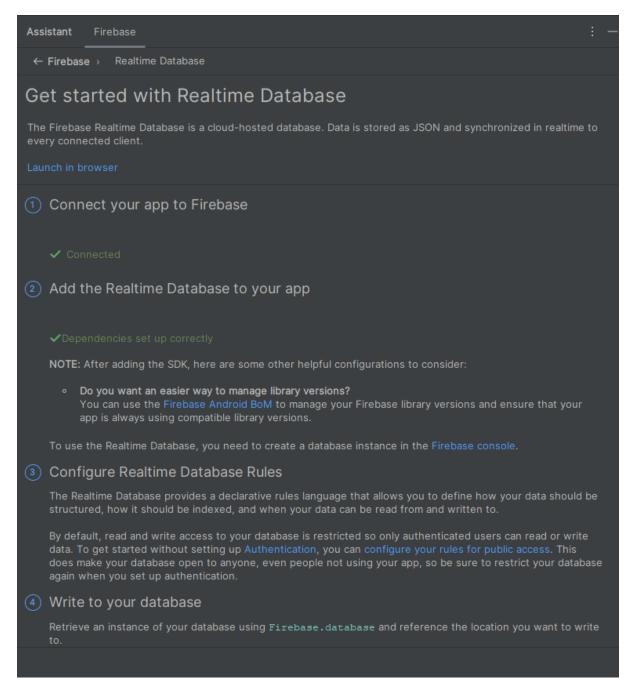


Figure 5.1 (b)

Firstly, create an Firebase account by using a Google account. Create a project for this mobile application through Firebase. Connect the Android Studio to Firebase Authenticate and Realtime Database. By integrating Firebase Authentication, this mobile application can allow users to create an account to login to the system securely. Besides that, integrating the Firebase Realtime database can store data like user credentials, location data, history location, and so on.

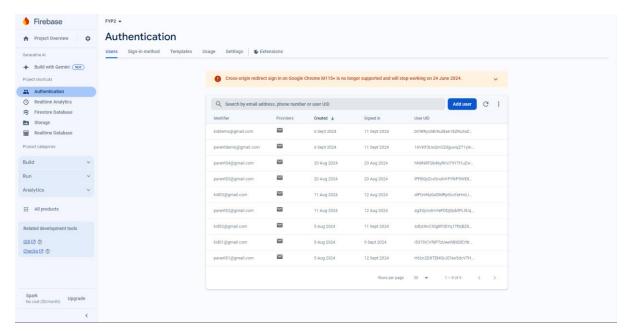


Figure 5.1 (c)

Firebase Authenticate will handle the user authentication securely and confirm the user already has an account during the login process.

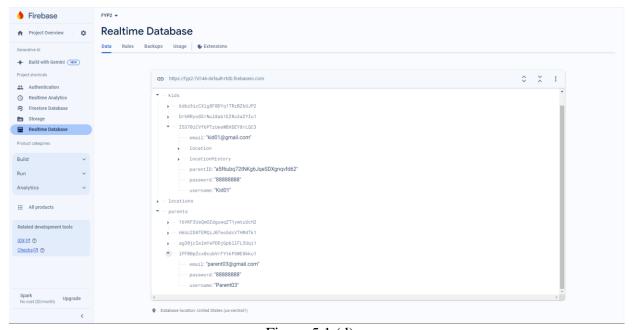


Figure 5.1 (d)

The Firebase Realtime database will store the data received by the parent app and kid app.

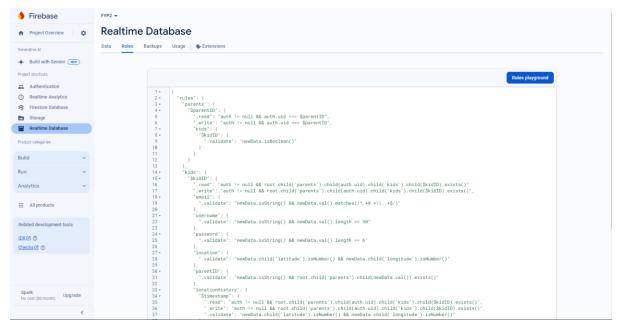


Figure 5.1 (e)

The system should set up the rules for the Firebase Realtime database to ensure data security and node management. The data received from the parent app and the kid app will be stored in the real-time database under different nodes, so that the application can retrieve and update the data efficiently. Besides that, defining the rules can ensure that only specific users can read or write to particular parts of the database.

## 5.2 System Operation

#### 5.2.1 Login (Parent App)

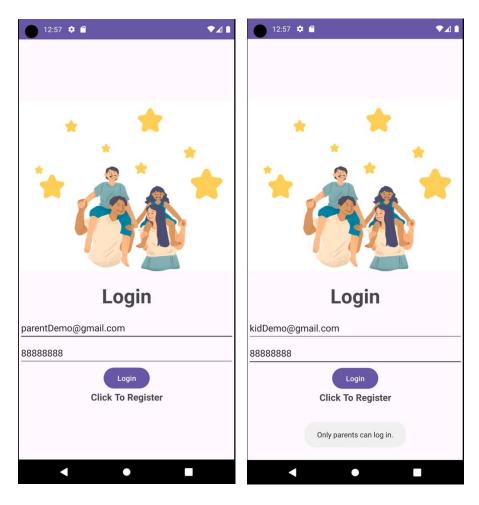


Figure 5.2.1 (a)

Figure 5.2.1 (b)

Parents enter their email and password to log in to the system successfully. This parent app only allows parents to log in. If a kid account is used, the system will display a message "Only parents can log in".

#### 5.2.2 Register (Parent App)

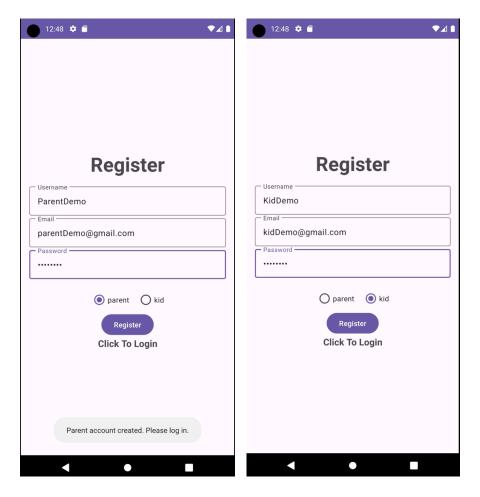


Figure 5.2.2 (a)

Figure 5.2.2 (b)

Parents register an account by providing a username, email, password, and the role of that account. Besides that, parents can create an account for their kids, only need to select the role as a kid. If the account is created successfully, display the message "Parent account created. Please log in" and navigate to the login page.

#### 5.2.3 Add Kid (Parent App)

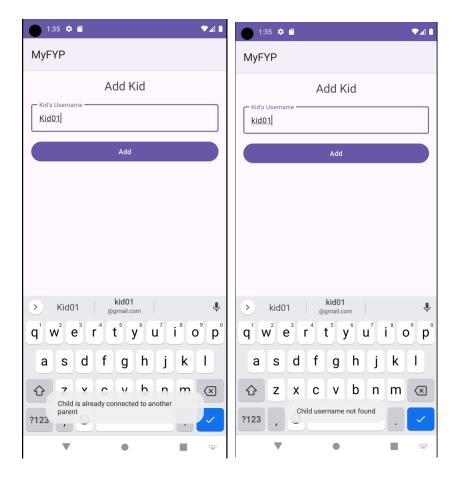


Figure 5.2.3 (a)

Figure 5.2.3 (b)

Parents go to the add kid activity, they should enter the username of their kid to establish a relationship with the kid. If not, the system will display a message. For example, if parents provide an invalid username, the system will display the message "Child username not found", which means the username entered by parents does not exist in the real-time database. Besides that, if a parent enters an invalid username that is already connected to another account, it will display the message "Child is already connected to another parent".

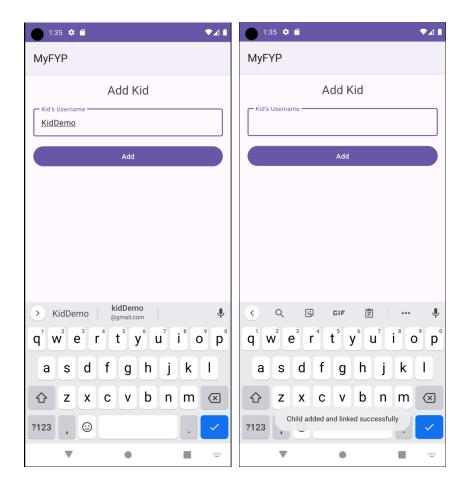


Figure 5.2.3 (c)

Figure 5.2.3 (c)

Parent enters the correct username of their kid, the kid is added and stored in the parent's account. "AddKid" activity success will display the message "Child added and linked successfully".

#### **5.2.4** History Location (Parent App)

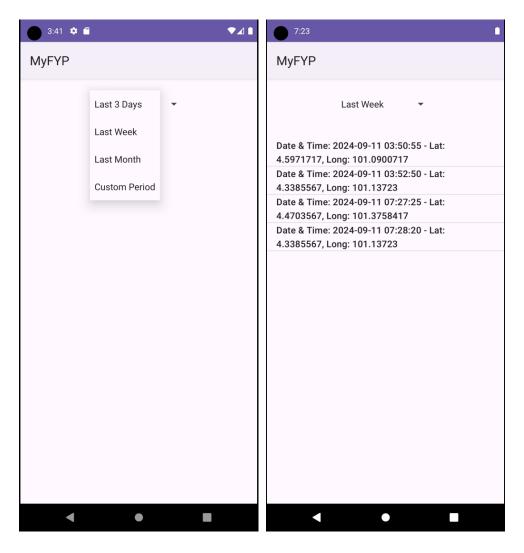


Figure 5.2.4 (a)

Figure 5.2.4 (b)

In this activity, allow the user to select the period of historical location data to review. According to their selection, the system will retrieve the corresponding result for users. For example, when the user selects the "last week" option, the system will retrieve and update the list view about the last week's historical location record for the user.

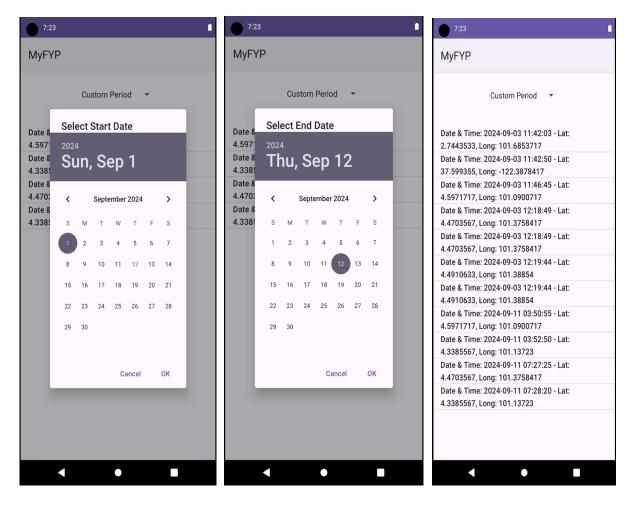


Figure 5.2.4 (c) Figure 5.2.4 (d) Figure 5.2.4 (e)

When the user selects the "Custom Period" option, the system will display a date picker to let users choose the start date and the end date of the period of historical location. According to the Figure and Figure, the user decides the period from September 1 to September 12. Then, the system will retrieve the period selected by the user and update the list view of the historical location for the user, like Figure.

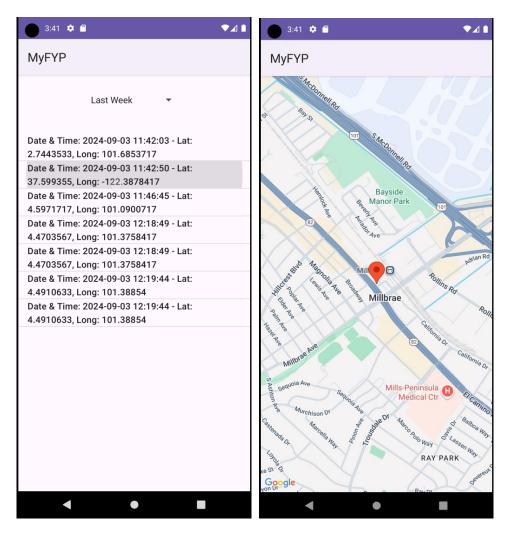


Figure 5.2.4 (f)

Figure 5.2.4 (g)

Besides that, this activity will not only show the information of histroical location, but when users click the historical location on the list view, the system will naviagte the users to the map view, which means will display the historical location on the map with the marker.

## **5.3.5** Real-time location tracking (Parent App)

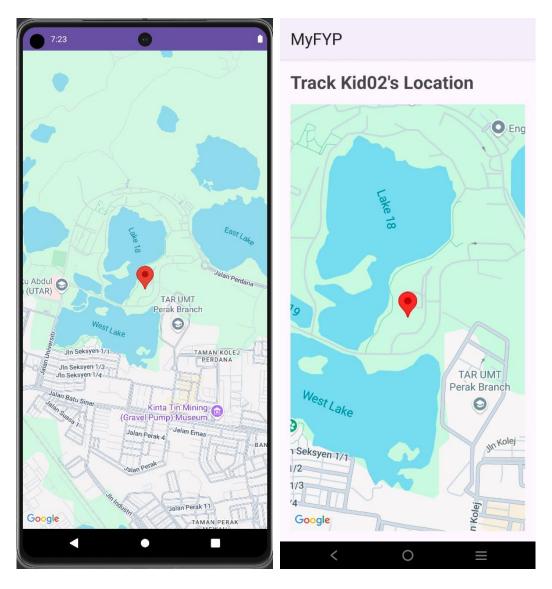


Figure 5.2.5 (a)

Figure 5.2.5 (b)

In this activity, the user can view the real-time location of the target. Figure is the parent app, and Figure is the kid app. Once there is a new location update of the kid account, the parent app will retrieve the location data and display the latest location of the kid. If there is not a new location update, there will be no changes in the map, and the marker will stay there.

## System Evaluation and Discussion

## **6.1 System Testing Setup and Result**

#### **6.1.1 System Testing Setup**

In this activity, the test will use the emulator, mobile phone, and the extended controls of the emulator to test the features of real-time location tracking and historical location. The test will use the "Location" of the extended controls, set the location manually by entering the name of the location. The emulator will uses the kid app to login to the kid account and the mobile phone will use the parent account to login to the parent app.

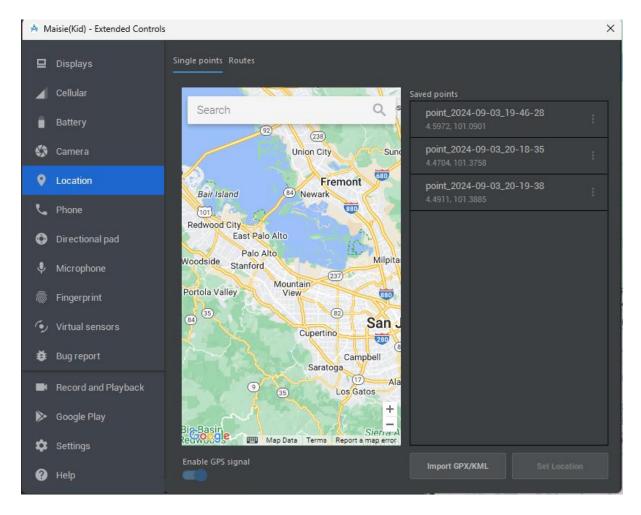


Figure 6.1.1 (a)

To run the parent app on the mobile phone, the phone should enable the debugging wireless on the phone and pair the phone over Wi-Fi by using a QR code or a pairing code. After pairing the phone successfully, the test will start to test the features of this project.

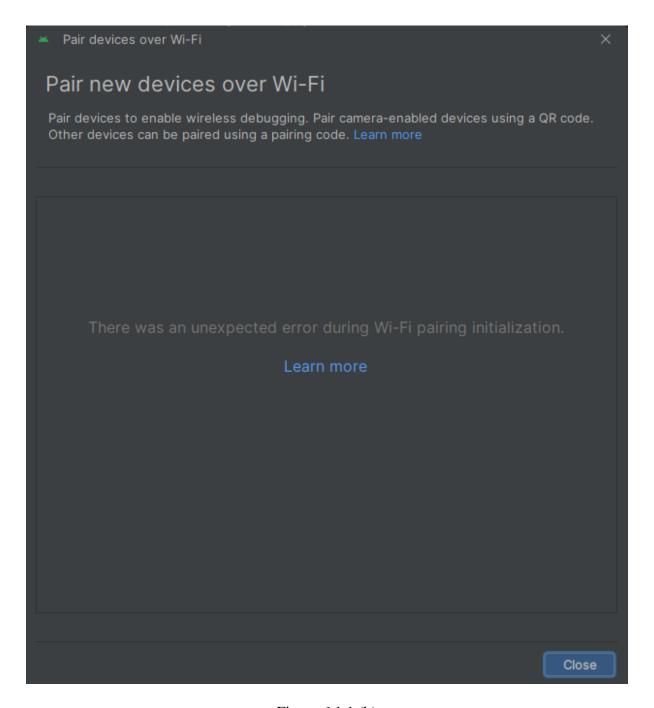


Figure 6.1.1 (b)

#### **6.1.2** Testing Result

*Table 6.1.2 (a)* 

No	Descriptions	Expected	Expected	Received	Received	Pass/Fail
	-	Latitude	Longitude	Latitude	Longitude	
1	Verify the data	4.4910633	101.38854	4.4910633	101.38854	Pass
	of real-time					
	location					
	tracking					
2	Verify the data	4.335205	101.141155	4.335205	101.141155	Pass
	of real-time					
	location					
	tracking					
3	Verify the data	4.3362564	101.1411716	4.3362564	101.1411716	Pass
	of real-time					
	location					
	tracking					
4	Verify the data	4.3371917	101.1423146	4.3371917	101.1423146	Pass
	of real-time					
	location					
	tracking					
5	Verify the data	4.3385567	101.13723	4.3385567	101.13723	Pass
	of real-time					
	location					
	tracking					

According to the Figure, it is designed to test the accuracy of location data received by the parent app from the kid app and ensure the parent app updates in real time when the location of the kid changes. Once the kid app updates a new location, it will update the latest location on the map with the marker automatically. Meanwhile, the parent app checks if there is a new location data update under the "kids" node, the system will retrieve the new data and update the map view with the marker on the parent app. This Figure proves that the parent app will immediately reflect the updated location of the kid on the map in real-time without delay.

*Table 6.1.2 (b)* 

No	Descriptions	Expected	Expected	Received	Received	Received	Received	Pass/Fail
		Latitude	Longitude	Latitude (database)	Longitude (databse)	Latitude (parentApp)	Longitude (parentApp)	
1	Verify the data of real- time location tracking	4.4910633	101.38854	4.4910633	101.38854	4.4910633	101.38854	Pass
2	Verify the data of real- time location tracking	4.335205	101.141155	4.335205	101.141155	4.335205	101.141155	Pass
3	Verify the data of real- time location tracking	4.3362564	101.1411716	4.3362564	101.1411716	4.3362564	101.1411716	Pass
4	Verify the data of real- time location tracking	4.3371917	101.1423146	4.3371917	101.1423146	4.3371917	101.1423146	Pass
5	Verify the data of real- time location tracking	4.3385567	101.13723	4.3385567	101.13723	4.3385567	101.13723	Pass

To verify that the new location data update will immediately reflected in both the parent app and the real-time database. This table confirms that the latest location is stored in the history, allowing the parent app to retrieve the history location data, when they need to review.

#### **6.2** Objectives Evaluation

The objectives of the project are achieved. Firstly, provide a user-friendly mobile application for users. The UI design of this mobile application focuses on simplicity and the services that are provided to the user are clear and easy to use.

Secondly, enable parents to track the real-time location of kids. Parents can use the parent app to monitor and track the real-time location of their kids after they establish a successful connection. When the kid is moving, the Google location services will retrieve the current location of that kid and store it in the database. Meanwhile, there is a new location update from the kid app, and the parent app will retrieve the latest location of the kid and display it on a map with a marker.

Thirdly, enable parents to review the historical location of kids. Parents can use the parent app to review the historical location of their kids and select the particular for review. Depending on the selection of the user, the system will provide the corresponding result.

## **Conclusion and Recommendation**

#### 7.1 Conclusion

The main goal of this project was to create a user-friendly application that enable parents and guardians keep track of their children's safety, especially when they are busy and have limited time. The application meets its objectives by allowing parents to:

- 1. **Real-Time Locations Tracking:** Parents can see where their children are at any given moment.
- 2. **Review Historical Locations:** Parents can access historical location data to monitor their kid's movements over time.

The project used the Agile methodology, which allowed for iterative development and regular testing. This approach helped in minimizing risks and ensuring that the application's requirements were met effectively.

The design of the application focuses on simplicity and ease of use, making it accessible for parents. Testing results confirm that the application works effectively and aligns with its intended goals, providing a reliable tool for ensuring children's safety.

#### 7.2 Recommendation

- 1. To improve this mobile application by adding features of geofencing. Hence, parents can set the restriction for their kids to protect their kid from damage.
- 2. To enhance the user experience by adding a feature of setting preferences. Hence, users can reset their username, email and password if needed.
- 3. To enhance the monitor features, it can allow users to share the tracker with someone who can be trusted. Hence, they can help to monitor and protect the kid.

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	Supervisor: Puan Nor'Afifah Binti Sabri Project Title: Kids tracking mobile application				
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1. WORK DONE					
I. WORK DONE					
I have completed the authentic	tication feature for the parent app and the kid app.				
I have completed the real-time.	ne location tracking.				
I am debugging the feature of	of reviewing the history location of kids.				
2. WORK TO BE DONE					
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Testing the current feature to     Plan to make improvements.	for these features like allowing user to select the				
period of historical location.					
<ul> <li>Plan to start designing the U</li> </ul>					
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3. PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED	)				
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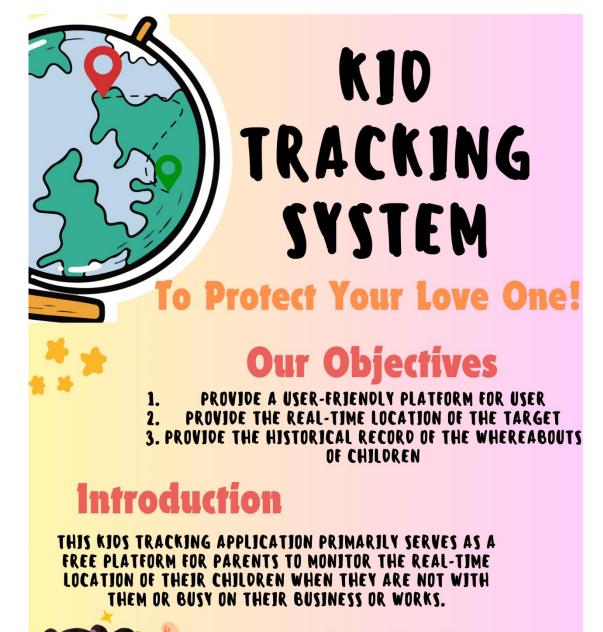
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4. SELF EVALUATION OF THE PROGRESS

I am completing the tasks effectively

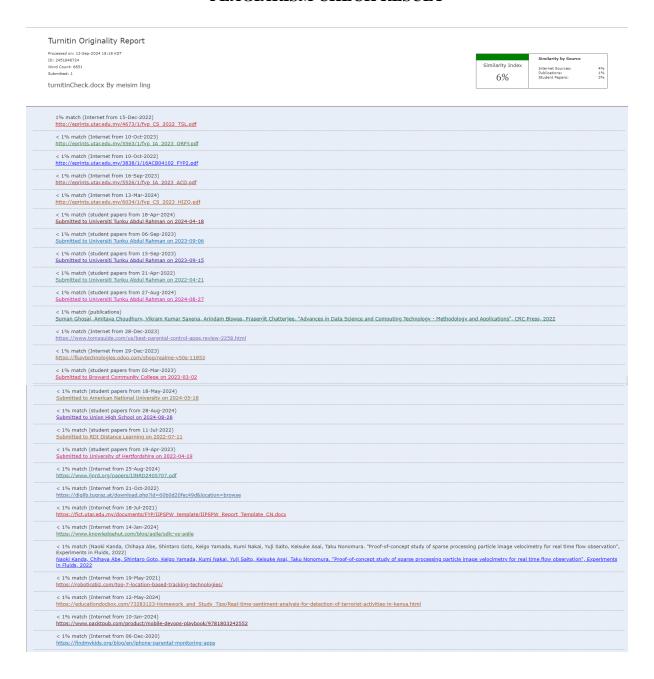
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Conclusion

OUR KID TRACKING SYSTEM OFFERS PEACE OF MIND FOR PARENTS EVERYWHERE. WITH REAL-TIME LOCATION TRACKING, HISTORICAL WHEREABOUTS RECORDS, AND A USER-FRIENDLY INTERFACE, KEEPING TABS ON CHILDREN HAS NEVER BEEN EASIER. CHOOSE OUR SYSTEM FOR RELIABLE TRACKING AND ENSURE THE SAFETY OF YOUR LUV ONE.

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