

Campus-Cart: In-Campus Material Exchange Platform

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Abstract: Modern campuses face an ongoing issue of underutilized academic and personal materials such as books, electronics, lab equipment, and daily-use items that are often discarded or forgotten post-use. Simultaneously, other students seek these same items but lack a centralized, secure, and reliable channel to obtain them. Campus-Cart addresses this by providing an exclusive digital platform for in-campus material exchange. It enables students to list, discover, and manage the trade of second-hand goods within their institutional network. This Android application, powered by Firebase Realtime Database and Firebase Storage, includes secure user access, image-supported item listings, real-time updates, and user-specific content management. With dynamic features like search, filters, and profile-based listings, Campus-Cart promotes sustainable reuse of materials and builds a trusted internal economy. Designed with simplicity, speed, and privacy in mind, it revolutionizes how campuses handle student-to-student transactions.

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I. INTRODUCTION

The need for structured resource reuse within college environments is often overlooked. Most students buy study material, instruments, and tech accessories that are used temporarily but are still in excellent condition. Without a platform, these valuable resources end up unused, resulting in waste and unnecessary repurchase by other students.

Campus-Cart is built to streamline the process of listing and acquiring such materials, forming a student-run ecosystem inside the campus. It facilitates a trusted environment by limiting access only to verified campus users, removing the risks and clutter of external marketplaces. The project goes beyond just listing items — it focuses on efficiency, ease of use, visual clarity, and complete control for the user over their personal listings. The platform serves as both a sustainable and tech-driven solution to the common but unaddressed problem of short-term material use and reuse within academic communities.

Objectives:

- Design a closed-network exchange system exclusive to students and staff.
- Implement secure access using pre-verified login credentials.
- Develop an intuitive UI for product listing, browsing, and filtering.
- Support image upload and display for items via Firebase Storage and Glide.
- Provide users full control to **edit or delete** their listed items.
- Display products using a Grid RecyclerView with individual detail views.
- Add a functional drawer menu with personalized profile details.
- Ensure login session tracking using Shared Preferences.
- Optimize data fetch and UI rendering for a smooth experience
- Maintain Firebase Realtime sync for instant backend operations.



Scope of the Project:

This project is scoped strictly for in-campus usage, making it suitable for colleges, universities, hostels, or even closed apartment societies. The application currently supports:

- Restricted login using preloaded student database (no open registration).
- Firebase-based backend that supports real-time sync of item data.
- Glide integration for crash-proof image rendering with Firebase Storage.
- A modular architecture ready for scaling into future features like in-app chat, delivery coordination, or credit-based trades.
- SearchView and Spinner-based filtering system to allow easy discovery by item type or keywords.
- Lightweight performance design so it runs smoothly even on budget Android devices.
- SharedPreferences used for automatic login check and session handling

II. EXPERIMENTAL SETUP

Software Requirements

No.	Component	Description
1	Operating System	Windows 10/11, Linux
2	IDE	Android Studio (Latest)
3	Programming Language	Java (Backend), XML (UI Design)
4	Database	Firebase Realtime Database
5	Cloud Storage	Firebase Storage
6	Image Handling	Glide (for Firebase Image Rendering)
7	Build Tool	Gradle
8	Version Control	Git + GitHub
9	Android SDK & Emulator	For development/testing

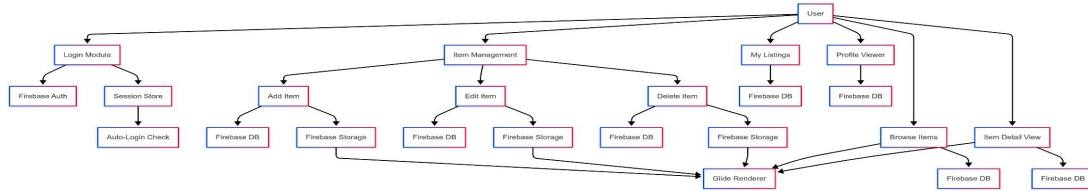
Hardware Requirements

No.	Component	Description
1	Processor	Intel Core i5/i7 or Ryzen 5/7
2	RAM	Minimum 8GB (16GB recommended)
3	Storage	Minimum 20GB SSD
4	GPU	Integrated/Dedicated GPU



Process Flow:

Flow 1: App Structure

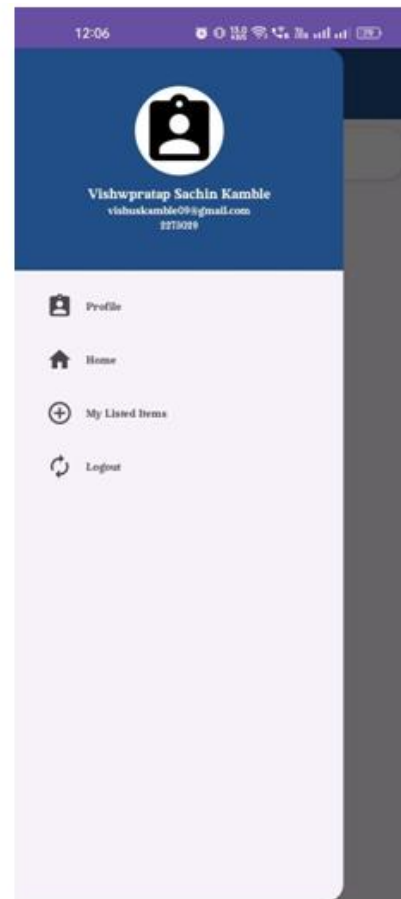


III. RESULT

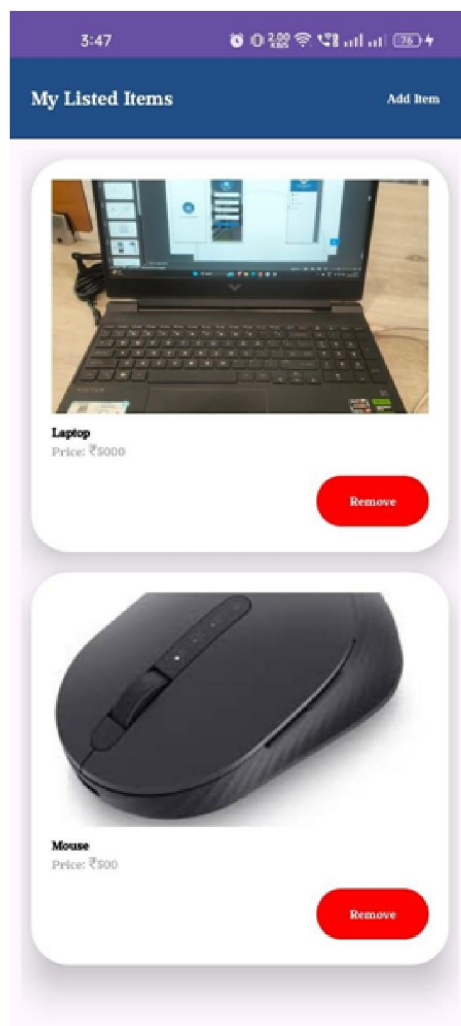
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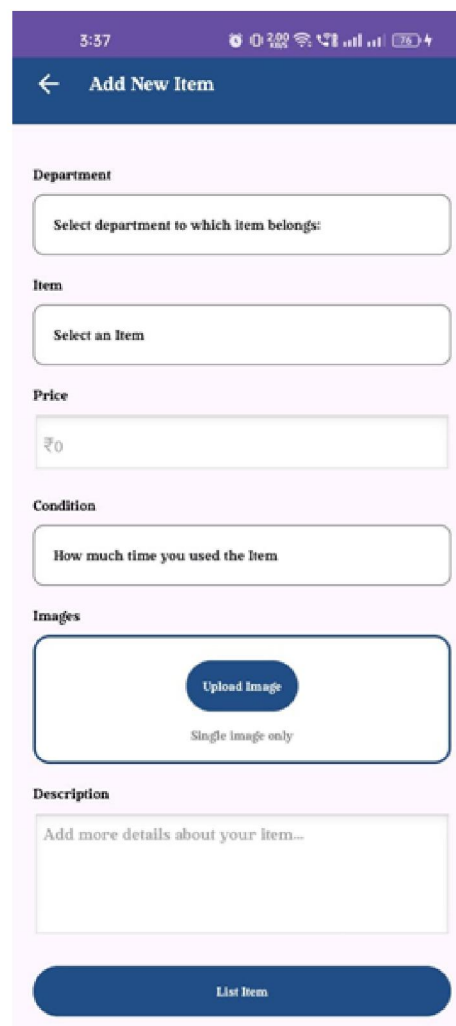
Menu Drawer



Listed Items module

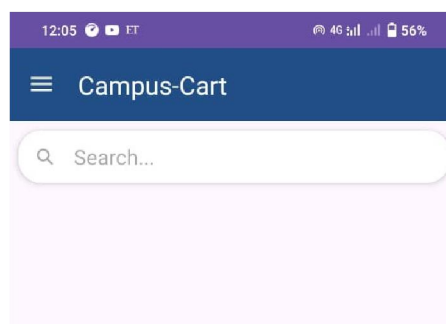


Add Item module



The screenshot shows a mobile app interface titled 'Add New Item'. It contains several input fields: 'Department' (with a dropdown menu), 'Item' (with a dropdown menu), 'Price' (with a text input field showing '₹0'), 'Condition' (with a text input field showing 'How much time you used the Item'), and 'Images' (with an 'Upload Image' button and the text 'Single image only'). Below these fields is a 'Description' section with a text input field showing 'Add more details about your item...'. At the bottom, there is a blue 'List Item' button.

Home page



IV. CONCLUSION

Campus-Cart is a fully functional Android application tailored for in-campus material exchange. It simplifies and digitalizes how students and staff manage second-hand academic and personal goods. The app not only supports listing, editing, and deleting items but also provides a smooth, secure, and user-friendly interface with robust real-time backend support via Firebase.

Its campus-exclusive approach ensures only legitimate users can interact, which improves reliability and trust. With advanced search/filter, seamless media integration, and modular UI design, the app is prepared for long-term use and future upgrades such as in-app chat, push notifications, or admin dashboards.

In essence, Campus-Cart represents a sustainable, student-friendly step toward smarter campus living.

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