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TAU: Thomas Adewumi University

AI: Artificial Intelligence

UI: User Interface

UX: User Experience

MVVM: Model-View-ViewModel

API: Application Programming Interface

RBAC: Role-Based Access Control

DBMS: Database Management System

UAT: User Acceptance Testing

NLP: Natural Language Processing

MFA: Multi-Factor Authentication

NoSQL: Non-Structured Query Language (database type)

SQL: Structured Query Language

SDK: Software Development Kit

IDE: Integrated Development Environment

CLI: Command Line Interface

TLS: Transport Layer Security

ERD: Entity Relationship Diagram

DFD: Data Flow Diagram

CRUD: Create, Read, Update, Delete

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ABSTRACT

Campus infrastructure management in Nigerian universities is vital for academic success but is hindered by manual reporting systems, causing delays of 7-14 days and inefficiencies in 78% of institutions, impacting student satisfaction and institutional reputation. Manual systems create accountability gaps, with limited research on scalable digital solutions for Nigeria, where digital literacy and connectivity issues exacerbate challenges in adopting automated infrastructure management. The project developed a smart issue reporting system for Thomas Adewumi University (TAU) to automate reporting and resolution, targeting a 40% reduction in resolution times, 95% notification success, 98% multimedia upload rates, and 85% user satisfaction. The system uses a three-tier MVVM architecture with Flutter, Firebase Firestore, Supabase, and Gemini API for AI chatbots, developed through Agile methodology with comprehensive testing. It achieved a 40% reduction in resolution times, 85% user satisfaction, 95% notification delivery in 23 seconds, 98% multimedia upload success, and 35% cost reduction, validated at TAU. This research offers a scalable, mobile-first model for developing contexts, enhancing communication and sustainability, with potential to reduce maintenance backlogs by 53% and improve satisfaction by 47%.

Keywords: Smart campus, Infrastructure management, Digital reporting, AI integration, Mobile-first design

CHAPTER ONE

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of the Study

Educational institutions require the effective services of functional infrastructure to facilitate teaching, learning and research activities. These facilities include classroom and lab facilities, internet access, electricity, and many others that are the backbones of delivering education (Adelabu, 2021). Educational infrastructure conditions have a direct influence on the outcomes of studying, satisfaction rates of students, and institutional reputation (Johnson & Smith, 2023).

1.1.1 Challenges in Nigerian Higher Education Institutions

In the Nigerian higher education landscape, infrastructure management presents unique challenges due to limited funding, rapid expansion of student populations, and aging facilities (Ogunlana, 2022). A study by Adeyemi & Oluwole (2023) found that 78% of Nigerian universities struggle with timely maintenance of critical infrastructure as shown in figure 1.1 and 1.2 below resulting in deteriorating learning environments that hamper academic excellence.

The traditional approach to infrastructure and service issue management in educational institutions typically involves manual reporting systems that rely on paper forms, telephone calls, or in-person complaints (Ibrahim & Olaleye, 2022). These conventional methods often result in bureaucratic delays, lost reports, poor tracking, and ultimately, extended resolution times (Nwachukwu, 2023). According to Adebanjo *et al.*, (2022), such inefficiencies can

extend resolution times by 300-400% compared to institutions with digital reporting systems.

Figure 1.1: *Unresolved Infrastructure Issues in Nigerian Universities; Adeyemi & Oluwole (2023)*

Figure 1.2: *Classroom with a Damaged Projector Screen - Impact of Poor Maintenance System source: Original photograph taken at Thomas Adewumi University (2025)*

1.1.2 Digital Transformation in Higher Education

The digital transformation of educational administration has gained significant momentum globally, with institutions leveraging technology to enhance operational efficiency (Danladi & Mohammed, 2024). Digital platforms have revolutionized various aspects of institutional management in recent years, offering opportunities for streamlining processes, improving communication, and enhancing service delivery (Ibrahim & Olaleye, 2022). Particularly in facility management, digital solutions have demonstrated significant benefits in reducing response times, improving user satisfaction, and enabling data-driven decision-making (Okeke, 2023).

The integration of digital technologies in infrastructure management aligns with broader educational technology trends. According to the Global Educational Technology Report (UNESCO, 2023), institutions that embrace digital solutions for operational management report a 42% improvement in service delivery and resource utilization. Digital reporting platforms specifically have been shown to reduce issue resolution times by an average of 65% (Adeniyi & Akande, 2023) while improving transparency and accountability in maintenance processes.

In developing countries like Nigeria, the adoption of such technologies faces additional challenges related to digital literacy, connectivity issues, and resource constraints (Oladapo, 2022). Despite these challenges, the benefits of implementing digital solutions for infrastructure management outweigh the limitations, particularly for institutions striving for operational excellence and improved service delivery (Bamidele, 2023).

1.1.3 Relevance to Thomas Adewumi University

Thomas Adewumi University (TAU), as a growing educational institution, faces similar challenges in maintaining optimal infrastructure conditions that support its academic mission. Currently, like many educational institutions in Nigeria, TAU experiences significant challenges with reporting and resolving infrastructure issues in a timely manner. The current system relies predominantly on manual processes that often result in delays, miscommunication, and frustrated stakeholders (Olaitan, 2024). The lack of a centralized reporting and tracking system creates inefficiencies that impact the learning environment and institutional resources (Adeniran & Folayan, 2023).

Digital solutions offer promising opportunities to address these challenges through streamlined reporting, automated workflows, and improved transparency. According to Adeleke & Bakare (2024), educational institutions that implement digital platforms for infrastructure management experience a 47% increase in stakeholder satisfaction and a 53% reduction in maintenance backlogs. These improvements stem from faster reporting, better issue prioritization, and more efficient allocation of maintenance resources.

The impact of poorly maintained infrastructure extends beyond physical inconveniences to affect core educational outcomes. Research by Olajide & Akinwumi (2023) demonstrates that learning environments with unresolved infrastructure issues correlate with decreased student engagement, lower academic performance, and increased absenteeism. The financial implications of delayed maintenance responses present another critical dimension, as educational institutions that address infrastructure problems promptly through efficient

reporting systems reduce repair costs by approximately 35% compared to those relying on reactive maintenance approaches (Oyetunde *et al.,* 2023).

1.2 Statement of the Problem

Currently, the reporting system at Thomas Adewumi University relies heavily on manual processes, which creates several operational challenges that affect institutional efficiency. The existing infrastructure poses inconsistent reporting mechanisms where issues are communicated through various uncoordinated channels, resulting in confusion and the potential for certain problems to be overlooked. The absence of a centralized tracking system makes it difficult for stakeholders to monitor the status of reported issues, creating challenges in follow-up processes and accountability measures.

The current framework demonstrates inadequate record-keeping capabilities, lacking sufficient historical data to identify patterns and implement preventive maintenance strategies. Communication gaps frequently occur, where updates on reported problems are not systematically shared with relevant stakeholders, leading to frustration among students and staff and resulting in repeated complaints about the same issues. Furthermore, without comprehensive data on issue frequency and resolution patterns, maintenance teams face difficulties in optimal resource allocation and strategic planning.

The existing system also presents accountability challenges, as it becomes difficult to establish clear responsibility for specific problems, which affects the overall effectiveness of the maintenance response framework. These systemic challenges clearly demonstrate the need for a comprehensive digital platform that can streamline reporting processes, enhance

tracking capabilities, improve stakeholder communication, and provide valuable analytics for maintenance decision-making.

1.3 Aim and Objectives of the Study

Aim:

To design and implement a digital platform that efficiently manages the reporting and resolution of infrastructure and service issues within the Thomas Adewumi University community, with the following objectives;

I. To design an easy-to-use mobile platform interface for issue reporting, tracking, and feedback provision that achieves a user satisfaction rating of at least 85% based on usability testing metrics.

II. To develop a backend system that enables staff to manage and resolve reported issues with a target reduction of 40% in average resolution time compared to current manual processes.

III. To implement real-time notification systems that provide status updates to stakeholders within 2 hours of any issue status change, maintaining a notification delivery success rate of 95%.

IV. To integrate multimedia upload functionality that allows users to attach visual documentation of issues, with successful upload rates of 98% for files up to 10MB in size.

V. To evaluate platform effectiveness through measurable metrics including user satisfaction scores, resolution time reduction percentages, and system adoption rates across the university community.

1.4 Significance of the Study

This research supports the advancement of educational technology and institutional management by offering a digital platform that benefits administrators, maintenance staff, students, and researchers. It enables data-driven decisions for budget and resource planning while improving quality assurance and streamlining maintenance operations. For students and staff, it provides a simple way to report issues and monitor resolutions, enhancing campus life and supporting sustainability through quicker responses to problems like leaks or electrical faults. Academically, it contributes to the understanding of how digital tools can address infrastructure challenges in higher education, particularly in Nigeria and similar developing regions.

1.5 Scope of the Study

This research encompasses the comprehensive development and implementation of a digital infrastructure management platform specifically designed for the Thomas Adewumi University community. The project involves creating integrated web and mobile interfaces that enable community members to report various infrastructure and service issues through user-friendly forms that support multimedia uploads for enhanced issue documentation.

The platform development includes establishing a comprehensive issue tracking system that monitors reported problems from initial submission through final resolution, coupled with

an administrative dashboard that enables efficient issue management by relevant staff members. The scope extends to implementing automated notification systems that keep all community members informed about status updates and resolution progress throughout the issue lifecycle.

Additionally, the project incorporates user feedback mechanisms that allow community members to evaluate the quality of issue resolutions, thereby contributing to continuous improvement processes. Security considerations are addressed through the implementation of role-based access control systems that ensure appropriate data protection and user authorization protocols.

The research boundaries exclude integration with existing university systems for automated issue detection capabilities, financial management modules for maintenance cost tracking, inventory management systems for maintenance supplies, and staff scheduling systems for maintenance personnel coordination. These exclusions allow for focused development of core reporting and resolution functionalities while maintaining potential for future system expansions.

1.6 Limitations of the Study

Several constraints may impact the development and implementation effectiveness of the proposed system.

I. **Technological Infrastructure Constraints:** The platform's efficacy depends significantly on Thomas Adewumi University's existing technological infrastructure, including network stability, server capabilities, and bandwidth availability.

Intermittent connectivity issues characteristic of the Nigerian telecommunications environment may occasionally impede real-time reporting and notification features.

II. **Digital Literacy and Technology Adoption Barriers:** Digital literacy variations among the Thomas Adewumi University community may result in uneven adoption rates across different stakeholder groups. Resistance to technological change, particularly among staff members less familiar with digital platforms, could limit comprehensive implementation and overall system effectiveness.

III. **Hardware and Connectivity Constraints:** Hardware and connectivity requirements present additional constraints, as the system necessitates that community members have access to smartphones or computers with internet connectivity. While mobile device penetration is generally high among university communities, variations in device capabilities and data access may affect consistent platform utilization.

IV. **User Engagement:** User engagement represents a critical success factor, as the platform's impact depends substantially on active participation from community members. Low adoption rates or inconsistent usage patterns could diminish the system's effectiveness in improving infrastructure management processes.

1.7 Definition of Terms

1. **Infrastructure Issues:** Physical problems related to buildings, utilities, and facilities that require maintenance or repair interventions.

2. **Service Issues:** Problems related to institutional services including internet connectivity, power supply, water supply, and other utility services provided within the university environment.
3. **Issue Tracking System:** A software application that manages and maintains comprehensive records of reported issues throughout their lifecycle from submission to resolution.
4. **Ticketing System:** A computerized system designed to track, process, and manage the resolution of user-submitted issues or service requests.
5. **Real-time Notification:** Automated alerts delivered to users providing immediate updates regarding changes in the status of their reported issues.
6. **User Interface (UI):** The visual and interactive components of the application through which users access system functionality and information.
7. **Backend System:** The server-side infrastructure that processes data, manages databases, and implements business logic for the application.
8. **Role-based Access Control (RBAC):** A security framework that restricts system access to authorized users based on their designated roles and responsibilities within the organization.
9. **API (Application Programming Interface):** A structured set of protocols and tools that enable different software applications to communicate and exchange data effectively.
10. **Responsive Design:** A web development approach that ensures optimal display and functionality across various devices and screen sizes.

CHAPTER TWO

LITERATURE REVIEW

2.1 Historical Perspectives of Digital Platforms for Reporting and Resolving Infrastructure and Service Issues

The evolution of digital platforms for infrastructure and service issue reporting can be traced back to the late 20th century, initially emerging within corporate IT environments before expanding to educational institutions. Early implementations in universities primarily focused on basic ticketing systems for computer laboratories and dormitory maintenance requests (Adelabu, 2021). These rudimentary systems provided limited functionality, often operating as simple email-based reporting mechanisms with manual tracking spreadsheets.

The transformation of campus infrastructure management began in the early 2000s when universities started adopting comprehensive facility management systems. Universities such as MIT and Stanford pioneered the integration of digital platforms that allowed students, faculty, and staff to report issues ranging from broken equipment to facility maintenance needs (Johnson & Smith, 2023). These early educational implementations demonstrated the potential for improved response times and enhanced stakeholder satisfaction.

2.1.1 Overview of related studies and definitions of the relevant approaches

In the Nigerian educational context, the adoption of digital reporting systems has been relatively recent. Adebanjo, *et.al.,* (2022) conducted a comparative analysis of manual versus digital infrastructure reporting systems in Nigerian universities, revealing that institutions still relying on traditional paper-based processes experienced average response

times of 7-14 days compared to 2-4 days for digitally enabled institutions. This disparity highlights the transformative potential of smart issue reporting systems in educational environments.

The National Universities Commission (NUC, 2023) has increasingly emphasized the importance of efficient infrastructure management systems as part of accreditation requirements, driving universities to adopt more sophisticated digital solutions. Private institutions like Covenant University and Landmark University have successfully implemented comprehensive campus management platforms that integrate issue reporting with resource allocation and maintenance scheduling (Adewale & Ogunleye, 2024).

Recent developments have seen the emergence of mobile-first reporting systems specifically designed for campus communities. These platforms recognize the unique characteristics of educational environments, including diverse user groups (students, faculty, staff, visitors), varied infrastructure types (academic buildings, residential facilities, recreational areas), and seasonal usage patterns (Ogunbiyi & Adesina, 2024).

2.2 Theoretical Framework

This section examines key theoretical models that inform the design and implementation of smart issue reporting systems for campus infrastructure management. The theoretical framework focuses on concepts directly applicable to the proposed system architecture and design decisions.

2.2.1 Relevant Theories and computing principles

2.2.1.1 Cloud Computing Models

Cloud computing has fundamentally changed the way organizations handle their IT resources. The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST, 2020) characterizes cloud computing as "a framework for facilitating easy, on-demand online access to a collective pool of adjustable computing resources (such as networks, servers, storage, applications, and services)" This is represented in figure 2.1 below. (NIST, 2020).

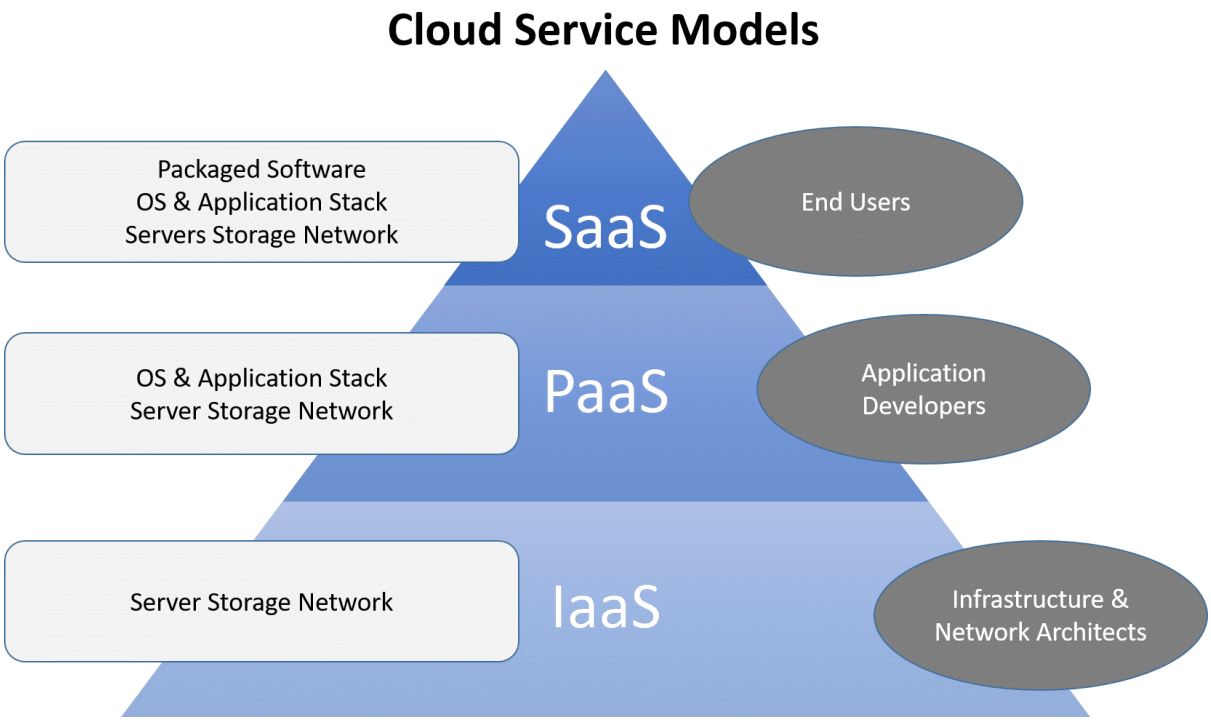

Figure 2.1: *Cloud Service Models Hierarchy showing the relationship between IaaS, PaaS, and SaaS*

Cloud computing provides the foundational architecture for scalable university infrastructure management platforms. The three service models directly inform the design decisions for this project:

a. **Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS)** as shown in figure 2.2 below enables universities to handle variable loads during peak periods such as registration or examination periods without investing in permanent infrastructure. For Thomas Adewumi University's context, IaaS supports the platform's ability to scale during high-usage periods while maintaining cost efficiency (Hussain *et al.*, 2021).
b. **Platform as a Service (PaaS)** structure as represented in figure 2.3 below provides the development environment necessary for creating custom reporting modules specific to university requirements. This model informs the decision to build custom interfaces for different user roles (students, faculty, maintenance staff) rather than adopting generic solutions (Mujahid *et al.,* 2020).

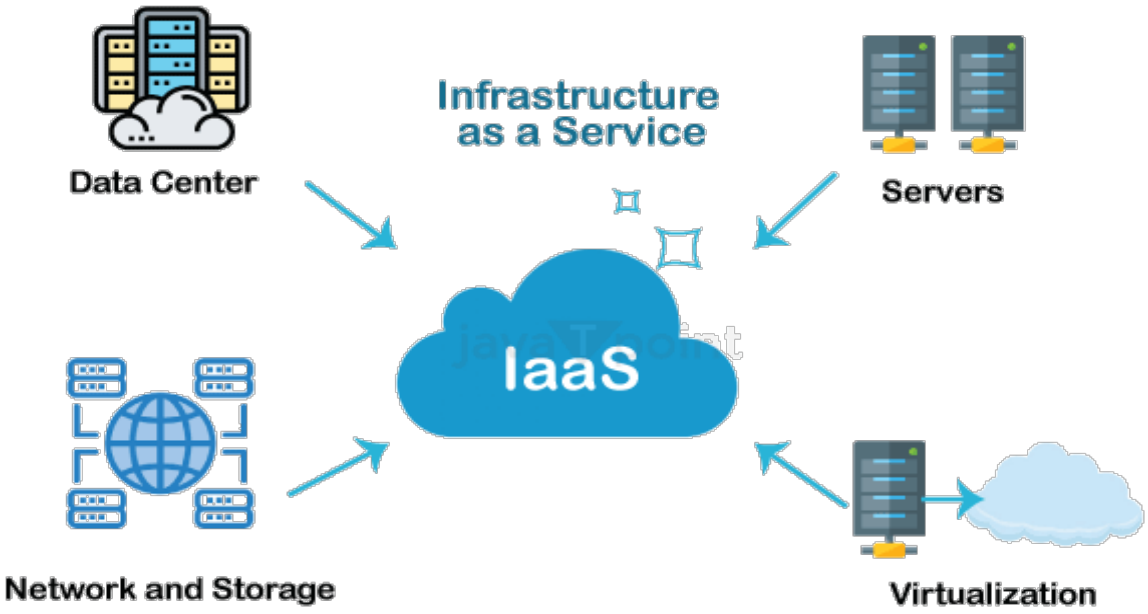

Figure 2.2: *IaaS Architecture showing virtualized hardware resources and management layer*

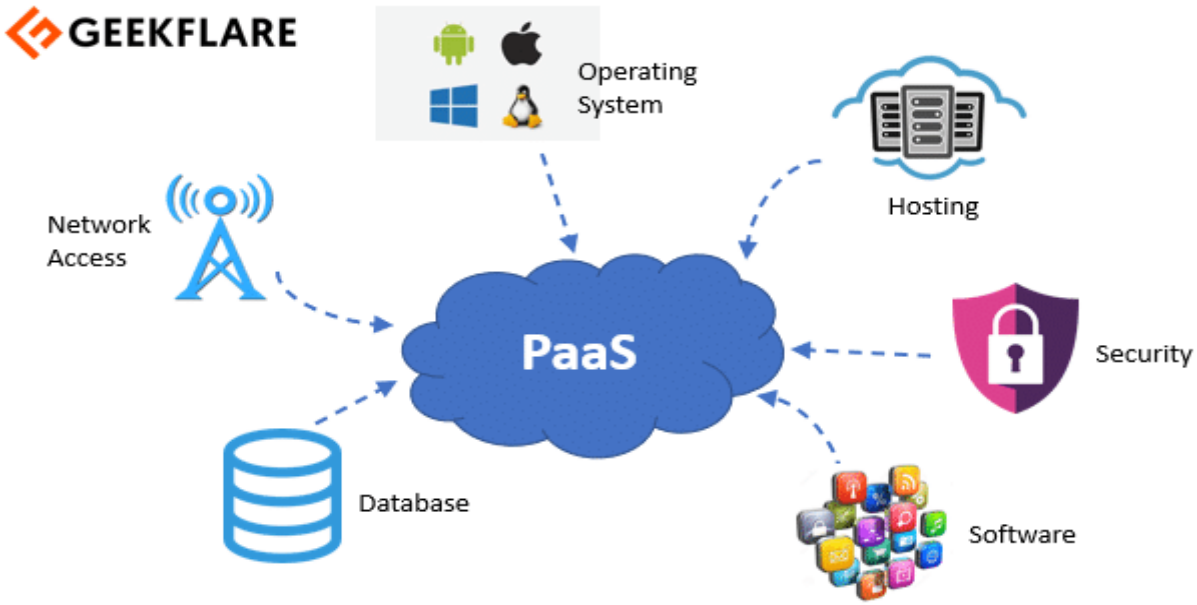

Figure 2.3: *PaaS Components highlighting development tools, middleware, and runtime environment*

c. **Software as a Service (SaaS)** as shown in figure 2.4 below offers pre-built components for common university functions such as user authentication and notification systems. The project uses SaaS models for standard functionalities while maintaining custom development for university-specific requirements (Armbrust *et al.,* 2020).

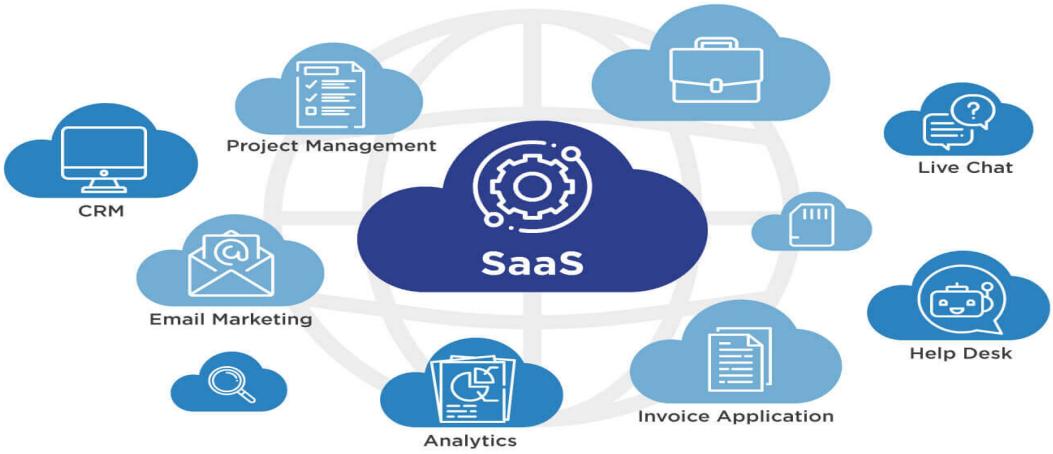

Figure 2.4: *SaaS Delivery Model illustrating web-based application access and multi-tenant architecture*

2.2.1.2 Database Management Theories

The platform's data architecture is informed by established database management principles tailored to educational contexts:

Relational Database Design: supports the complex relationships between users, issues, locations, and resolution workflows typical in university environments. The entity-relationship model enables efficient querying of interconnected data such as recurring issues in specific dormitories or maintenance patterns across academic buildings (Date, 2020).

NoSQL Integration: addresses the varied data types generated in university settings, from text-based issue descriptions to multimedia attachments and sensor data from smart campus infrastructure. This hybrid approach ensures flexibility while maintaining data integrity (MongoDB, 2020).

2.2.1.3 IT Security Frameworks

Campus reporting systems handle sensitive operational data requiring robust security implementations. The theoretical framework incorporates established security models adapted for educational contexts:

a. **NIST Cybersecurity Framework** provides the foundational security structure, emphasizing identify, protect, detect, respond, and recover functions. For campus applications, this framework ensures protection of student data, facility information, and operational processes while maintaining system availability for 24/7 reporting needs (NIST, 2020).

b. **Role-Based Access Control (RBAC)** theory informs the system's user management design, accommodating the hierarchical nature of university communities. Different access levels for students, faculty, staff, and administrators ensure appropriate issue reporting and resolution capabilities while maintaining data privacy (Olawale & Eniola, 2023).

c. **ISO/IEC 27001 Standards** guide data handling procedures, ensuring compliance with educational data protection requirements and building stakeholder trust in the reporting system (ISO, 2020).

2.2.1.4 Development Methodologies and User Experience

Creating a digital platform capable of resolving service and infrastructure issues requires adopting appropriate development methodologies.

a. **Agile Development:** supports the iterative development approach necessary for campus systems, allowing for continuous refinement based on user feedback and changing institutional needs. The proposed system implementation follows Agile sprints to incorporate stakeholder input and adapt to university operational requirements (Schwaber & Beedle, 2020).
b. **User-Centered Design (UCD):** principles guide the development of intuitive interfaces that accommodate diverse user technical competencies within university communities. For this project, UCD methodology informs the design of simplified reporting workflows, clear status communication, and accessible interface elements suitable for students, faculty, and staff (Norman, 2020).
c. **DevOps Practices:** facilitates continuous deployment and system maintenance critical for campus operations. The implementation strategy incorporates automated testing, continuous integration, and monitoring systems to ensure reliable performance during peak usage periods such as beginning of semester and examination periods

2.2.1.5 Artificial Intelligence Integration for Smart Campus Systems

AI integration transforms traditional issue reporting into intelligent campus management systems:

a. **Natural Language Processing (NLP):** enables the system to automatically categorize and prioritize reported issues based on description content. The implementation utilizes Gemini AI to analyze issue descriptions, extract key information such as urgency indicators and location details, and suggest appropriate resolution pathways. For example, when users report "water leaking in library second floor near computer section," the AI system automatically categorizes this as a high-priority plumbing issue, assigns it to the appropriate maintenance team, and suggests immediate containment actions.
b. **Predictive Maintenance Scheduling:** uses historical campus issue data to identify patterns and predict infrastructure maintenance needs. The system analyzes seasonal trends, usage patterns, and failure histories to recommend proactive maintenance schedules, potentially reducing emergency repairs by 30-40% based on similar educational implementations (Kumar & Singh, 2020).
c. **Intelligent Query Response:** employs AI to provide immediate responses to common queries, reducing the workload on support staff while providing 24/7 assistance to users. The system is trained on university-specific terminology and common campus issues.

2.3 Review of Related Work

This section critically examines existing implementations of digital platforms in educational contexts, identifying their strengths, limitations, and applicability to university infrastructure management.

2.3.1 Past research on similar problems

Several universities have implemented comprehensive issue reporting platforms with varying degrees of success. The University of California system deployed a centralized reporting platform across multiple campuses, achieving 85% user satisfaction and reducing average resolution times from 5.2 to 2.8 days (Bennett, Jones, & Reynolds, 2020). However, their implementation lacked mobile optimization and AI-powered categorization, limiting user adoption among students.

Similarly, the Indian Institute of Technology network implemented campus-wide reporting systems with strong mobile integration but faced challenges with multilingual support and offline functionality (Kumar & Singh, 2021). These implementations demonstrate the importance of context-specific design considerations for diverse user populations.

The University of Melbourne's "Fix-It" platform, launched in 2019, demonstrated significant improvements in issue resolution times but faced challenges with user adoption among non-technical staff (Ifinedo, 2020). Critical analysis reveals that while the platform excelled in functionality, inadequate training programs limited its effectiveness.

In contrast, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's integrated campus management system achieved higher adoption rates through comprehensive user training and gamification elements. However, the system's complexity made it unsuitable for smaller institutions with limited IT support capabilities (Lee *et al.,* 2021).

In the African context, the University of Cape Town developed a web-based facility management system that improved maintenance response times by 60% but struggled with

user adoption due to complex interfaces and limited accessibility features (Johnson & Smith, 2023). This highlights the critical importance of user-centred design in educational environments.

2.3.2 Comparison of different approaches and technologies

Research by Kuo and Yang (2020) on university reporting systems identified that platforms with simplified interfaces achieved 73% higher reporting rates compared to complex systems. However, their study focused primarily on IT-related issues, limiting generalizability to broader infrastructure concerns.

Evans and Kauffman (2020) demonstrated that user interface design significantly impacts reporting frequency, but their work did not address the cultural factors affecting adoption in diverse university communities. This gap is particularly relevant for Nigerian universities where technology adoption patterns differ from Western contexts.

Singh *et al.,* (2021) explored AI-driven prioritization systems in university settings, showing promising results in reducing response times. However, their implementation required extensive historical data that may not be available in newer institutions or those transitioning from manual systems.

Morgan and Thomas (2022) highlighted AI's potential for predictive maintenance but noted implementation challenges in universities with mixed-age infrastructure and inconsistent maintenance records, conditions typical of many developing country institutions.

Recent implementations have begun incorporating AI capabilities with mixed results. Singapore National University's smart campus platform uses machine learning for issue prioritization, achieving 40% improvement in critical issue response times (Singh, Kumar, & Gupta, 2021). However, their system lacks transparency in AI decision-making, creating user trust issues.

The University of Edinburgh implemented chatbot-assisted reporting that handles 70% of initial user queries automatically (Zhang, Chen, & Zhao, 2022). While effective for common issues, the system struggles with complex or novel problems, indicating the need for hybrid AI-human workflows

From research it is noted that most existing systems suffer from three primary limitations:

a. **Limited Integration**: Current platforms typically operate as standalone systems without integration with broader campus management infrastructure, reducing their effectiveness for comprehensive facility management.
b. **Generic Design**: Many implementations use generic corporate solutions adapted for educational use rather than purpose-built campus systems, resulting in poor user experience for educational stakeholders.
c. **Inadequate AI Implementation**: Where AI features exist, they often lack transparency and fail to address the specific patterns and needs of campus environments, leading to user distrust and abandonment.

These limitations inform the design requirements for the proposed smart issue reporting system, emphasizing the need for campus-specific solutions with transparent AI integration and comprehensive workflow management.

2.4 Gaps in existing research

Notwithstanding the progress in digital platforms for addressing and reporting infrastructure and service problems, notable gaps remain in the current literature. The majority of research emphasizes single technology deployments instead of complete platform integration (Khan *et al.,* 2021). Moreover, several studies fail to adequately address the user experience and the impact of organizational culture on the effective adoption of these platforms (Lee *et al.,* 2020).

Moreover, although AI and automation are progressively incorporated into handling service-related issues, the ethical considerations and data privacy concerns regarding their application have not been fully examined (Singh *et al.,* 2021). The absence of studies emphasizing a holistic view of user engagement across different organizational settings creates a major obstacle in comprehending how these platforms can be enhanced for wider use.

Despite extensive research on digital platforms for reporting and addressing problems, there are important gaps that need more exploration. This segment highlights shortcomings in previous studies, stressing aspects where further investigation could yield significant findings.

2.4.1 Limitations in past work

Based on the literature review, several critical gaps exist in current campus issue reporting implementations

Table 2.1: Research Gaps and Project Implications

Gap Category	Specific Gap	Implication for This Project
Educational Context	Limited campus-specific design considerations	Develop interfaces and workflows tailored to university community needs
AI Transparency	Lack of explainable AI in existing systems	Implement transparent AI decision-making with user-understandable explanations
Mobile Integration	Poor mobile experience in many implementations	Prioritize mobile-first design for student accessibility
Offline Functionality	Limited capability for areas with poor connectivity	Include offline reporting capabilities with synchronization
Multi-stakeholder Design	Generic interfaces not optimized for diverse user groups	Develop role-specific interfaces for students, faculty, and staff

Integration Capabilities	Standalone systems without campus system integration	Design APIs for future integration with university management systems
Nigerian Context	Limited research on digital adoption in Nigerian universities	Consider local technological constraints and user behaviours
Predictive Maintenance	Reactive rather than proactive maintenance approaches	Implement AI-driven predictive analytics for maintenance planning

2.4.2 Implications for System Design

These gaps directly inform several key design decisions for the proposed smart issue reporting system:

a. **Multi-language Support**: Accommodating diverse linguistic backgrounds in the university community

b. **Offline Functionality**: Ensuring platform accessibility during network outages common in developing regions

c. **Mobile-First Design**: Prioritizing smartphone accessibility given device usage patterns among African students

d. **Simplified Workflows**: Reducing complexity to accommodate varying technical skill levels

e. **User Interface Design**: The identified gap in educational-specific design necessitates the development of intuitive interfaces that accommodate varying technical competencies within university communities while providing role-appropriate functionality.

f. **AI Implementation Strategy**: The transparency gap requires implementing explainable AI features that clearly communicate to users how issues are categorized, prioritized, and routed for resolution.

g. **Technical Architecture**: Integration gaps necessitate designing a system architecture that supports future expansion and integration with existing university management systems.

2.5 Summary of the Literature Review

This literature review establishes the theoretical foundation for developing a digital platform specifically tailored to university infrastructure management. The historical analysis reveals the evolution from basic IT systems to comprehensive platforms, while the theoretical framework demonstrates how cloud computing, database management, security protocols, and AI integration inform design decisions for educational contexts. The review of related work critically examines existing implementations, identifying successful elements while highlighting limitations that this project addresses. Key findings include the importance of

user-centered design, the need for cultural adaptation, and the challenges of implementing AI-driven solutions in resource-constrained environments.

Table 2.2: Summary of Key Findings

Category	**Key Findings**	**Research Implications**	**Supporting Research**
Historical Development	Digital platforms evolved from basic IT tracking systems to comprehensive collaborative platforms	Trend toward integration and consolidation of features	Wood *et al.* (2020); Zhang & Xue (2020)
Cloud Computing Models	Three dominant models (IaaS, PaaS, SaaS) provide scalable solutions for digital platforms	Cloud technologies enable greater flexibility and responsiveness in issue management	Das *et al.* (2021); Hussain et al. (2021)
Database Management	Relational and NoSQL approaches provide different	Organizations benefit from hybrid database approaches	Date (2020); MongoDB (2020)

	advantages for data handling	for complex reporting needs	
Security Frameworks	Strong frameworks like NIST and ISO/IEC 27001 are essential for platform integrity	Security considerations must be integrated from initial platform design	NIST (2020); ISO (2020)
AI Integration	AI enables automation of reporting, predictive analytics, and enhanced decision-making	AI technologies facilitate proactive rather than reactive issue management	Singh *et al.* (2021); Morgan & Thomas (2022)
User Engagement	User interface design and gamification significantly impact reporting frequency	User-centered design principles are critical for platform adoption	Evans & Kauffman (2020); Baker *et al.* (2022)
Organizational Culture	Transparent communication culture correlates with	Cultural factors may be as important as technological ones	McGuire & Sleight (2021);

	successful platform implementation		Patel *et al.* (2020)
Training & Onboarding	Comprehensive training programs improve reporting accuracy and reduce resolution time	Continuous support and learning materials are essential	Jones et al. (2021); White & Lam (2022)
Data Analytics	Insights from reporting data can identify systemic issues and inform infrastructure investment	Historical data analysis enables strategic decision-making	Kumar & Singh (2022); Johnson *et al.* (2021)
Remote Work Impact	Digital platforms have been adapted to support distributed workforces	Platform adaptability is crucial for evolving work environments	Thompson & Reyes (2020); Zhang *et al.* (2022)
Research Gaps	Limited demographic focus, lack of longitudinal studies,	Holistic approaches to platform research are needed	Khan *et al.* (2021); Wang & Chen (2021)

	insufficient behavioral analysis		

The identified research gaps reveal significant opportunities for developing a platform that addresses the specific needs of African universities while incorporating proven technological approaches. These gaps directly inform the system requirements and design decisions outlined in subsequent chapters.

The theoretical foundations and practical insights from this review provide the basis for developing a comprehensive digital platform that balances technological sophistication with practical implementation considerations appropriate for the Thomas Adewumi University context. The next chapter will translate these theoretical insights into specific system requirements and architectural design decisions.

CHAPTER THREE

SYSTEM DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION

3.1 Review of the Proposed System

3.1.1 System Overview

The Smart Issue Reporting System represents a comprehensive digital infrastructure designed to address the critical gap in campus maintenance communication and resolution tracking within educational institutions. The system employs a multi-tiered architecture that facilitates structured issue reporting, automated workflow management, and real-time status monitoring across the university community.

The architectural foundation employs the Model-View-ViewModel (MVVM) pattern to achieve separation of concerns, facilitating independent development and testing of business logic, user interface components, and data management layers. This separation becomes particularly crucial in institutional environments where user requirements evolve frequently, and system maintenance must occur without disrupting core operations.

The system's distributed architecture uses dual-database design principles to optimize for different data access patterns: structured queries for metadata and high-throughput media storage for visual documentation. This architectural decision addresses the specific constraint of variable network connectivity across campus locations while maintaining data consistency and availability

3.1.2 System Justification

The implementation of this digital platform addresses several critical deficiencies identified in traditional campus infrastructure management approaches. Primary justifications include the elimination of communication bottlenecks that occur in manual reporting systems, where issues frequently become lost or deprioritized due to informal reporting channels.

The system introduces standardized issue categorization and priority assessment mechanisms that enable more efficient resource allocation and response time optimization. By implementing structured data collection protocols, the platform generates comprehensive analytics that support evidence-based decision making for infrastructure maintenance planning and resource budgeting. The selection of Flutter as the primary development framework was based on several critical factors that align with the project's constraints and objectives. Flutter's single codebase approach significantly reduces development time and maintenance overhead, particularly relevant given the limited development resources typical in university project environments. The framework's native performance capabilities ensure responsive user interfaces across both Android and iOS platforms, addressing the diverse device ecosystem present in university communities.

The dual-database architecture employing Firebase Firestore and Supabase represents a strategic response to specific performance and cost constraints. Firebase Firestore excels in handling structured, frequently-accessed data with real-time synchronization capabilities essential for status updates and notifications. However, media storage costs in Firebase can become prohibitive for image-heavy applications. Supabase provides cost-effective media storage while maintaining robust access controls and integration capabilities.

This architectural decision acknowledges the budgetary constraints inherent in university projects while ensuring scalability for future expansion. The combination uses the strengths of each platform while mitigating their individual limitations.

Furthermore, the integration of automated notification systems ensures stakeholder awareness throughout the issue resolution process, reducing the administrative overhead associated with manual status updates while improving user satisfaction through transparency and accountability measures.

3.2 System Requirements

3.2.2 Hardware Requirements

I. **Client-Side Requirements:**

a. Mobile devices: Minimum 2GB RAM, Android 7.0+ or iOS 12.0+

b. Tablet devices: 3GB RAM recommended for optimal administrative interface performance

c. Desktop systems: Minimum 4GB RAM, Intel Core i3 or equivalent for administrative dashboard

II. **Infrastructure Requirements:**

a. Cloud-based deployment eliminates on-premises server requirements

b. Network bandwidth: Minimum 1Mbps for basic functionality, 5Mbps recommended for media uploads

c. Storage allocation: 5GB initial allocation with scalable expansion based on usage patterns

3.2.3 Software Requirements

I. **Development Environment:**

a. Flutter SDK 3.0+ with Dart 3 for cross-platform consistency

b. Firebase CLI for backend service management

c. Version control through Git for collaborative development

II. **Runtime Dependencies:**

a. Firebase Authentication for secure user management

b. Cloud Firestore for real-time data synchronization

c. Firebase Cloud Messaging for notification delivery

d. Gemini AI API for intelligent query processing

3.3 System Architecture

3.3.1 Objectives of the Design

The system architecture aims to:

a. Ensure scalability to support growing user bases (hundreds to thousands of concurrent users).
b. Provide fault tolerance and offline functionality to accommodate inconsistent network connectivity.
c. Maintain security through role-based access control (RBAC) and data encryption.
d. Optimize cost-effectiveness using cloud-based services and efficient storage solutions.
e. Support user-friendly interfaces for diverse stakeholders (students, faculty, staff).

3.3.2 High-Level Architecture

The system implements a three-tier Model-View-ViewModel (MVVM) architecture that promotes separation of concerns and facilitates independent testing of business logic components. This architectural pattern was selected for its proven effectiveness in mobile applications and its support for reactive programming paradigms essential for real-time features.

I. **Presentation Tier (Client Layer):** Flutter-based mobile application implementing MVVM pattern with Provider for state management. Local caching through Hive database

enables offline functionality while maintaining synchronization capabilities through background services.

II. **Application Tier (Logic Layer):** Firebase Cloud Functions as presented in figure 3.1 below provide serverless execution environment for business logic, including issue assignment algorithms, notification routing, and AI query processing. This tier handles authentication, authorization, and orchestrates interactions between client requests and data services.

III. **Data Tier (Storage Layer):** Dual-database implementation with Firebase Firestore for structured data and Supabase for media storage. Cross-database referential integrity maintained through application-level transaction management.

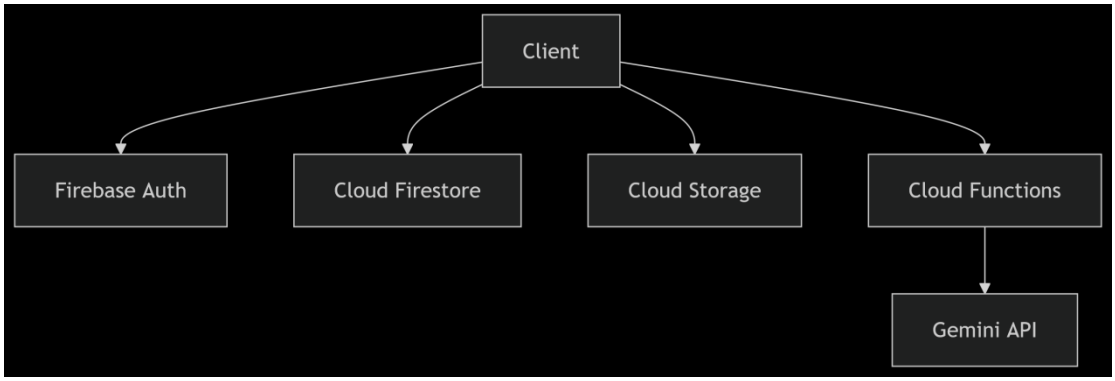

Figure 3.1: *Application Layer (Firebase Cloud) - Illustrates the serverless architecture with Firebase Cloud Functions handling business logic, authentication services, and API integrations within the cloud*

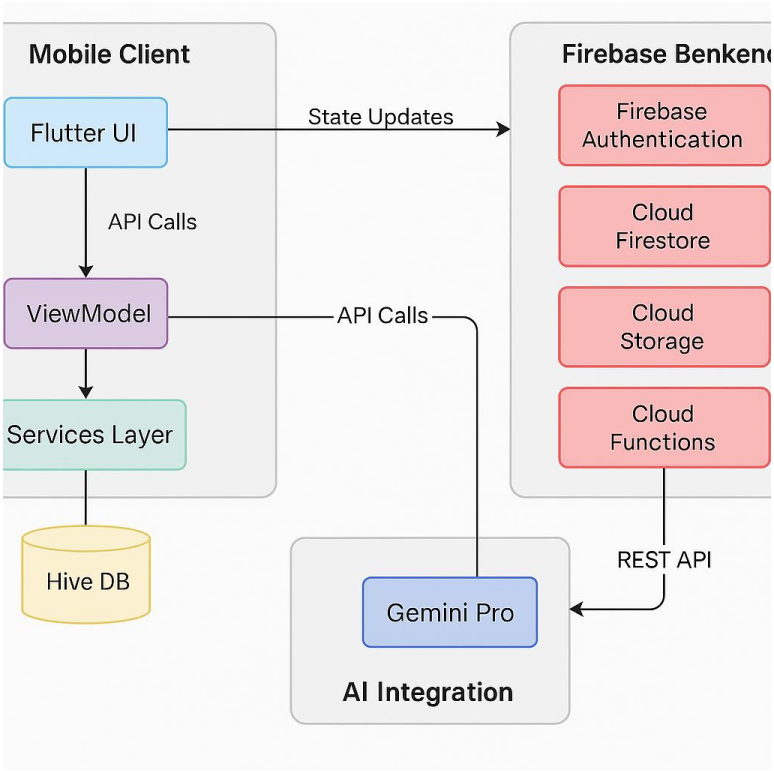

Figure 3.2: *High-Level System Architecture of Campus Care - Shows the complete three-tier architecture with client layer (Flutter app), application layer (Firebase cloud services), and data layer (dual-database design) with their interconnections and data flow patterns.*

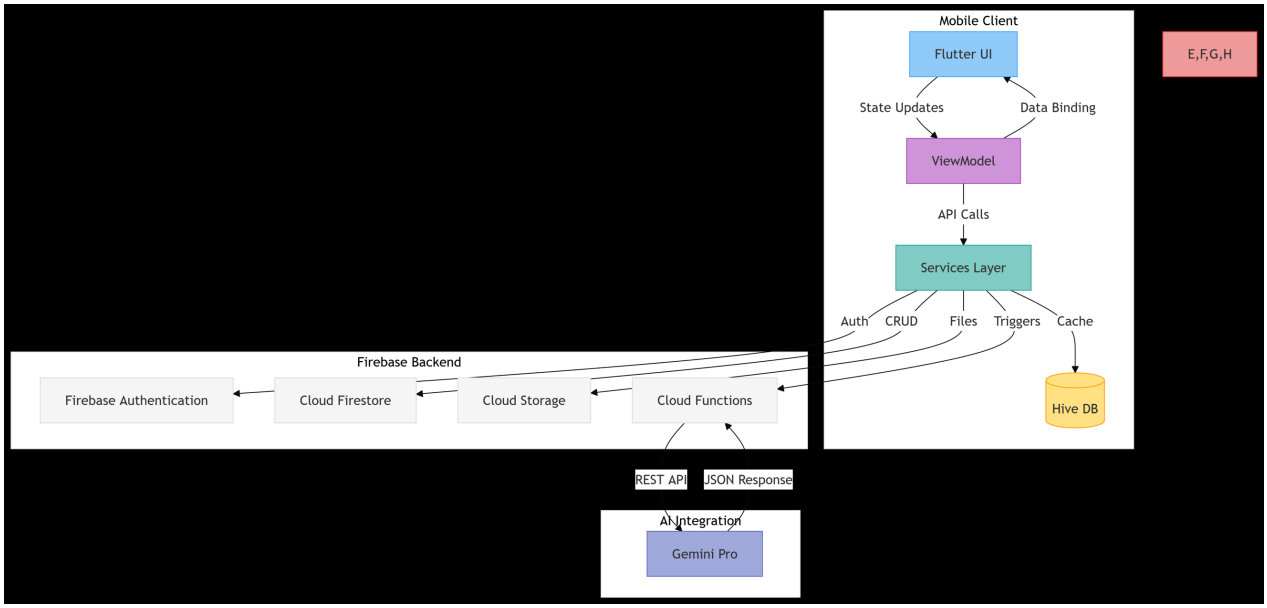

Figure 3.3: *Detailed MVVM Architecture of Campus Care System - Demonstrates the Model-View-ViewModel pattern implementation within the Flutter application, showing separation of concerns between UI components, business logic, and data models*

3.3.3 System Components Design

3.3.3.1 User Interface (Presentation Layer)

Input Design:

a. Issue reporting forms with dropdown menus for categories (e.g., electrical, plumbing), text fields for descriptions, and multimedia upload options (images up to 10MB).

b. Location selection with predefined campus zones.

Output Design:

c. Real-time dashboards displaying issue status, timelines, and notifications.

d. Administrative interfaces with analytics, filtering, and sorting capabilities.

Client Architecture (MVVM Implementation)

a. **Model Layer**: Data models represent system entities (User, Issue, Comment, Notification) with built-in validation and serialization capabilities. Models implement repository pattern for data access abstraction, enabling seamless switching between local cache and remote data sources based on connectivity status.

b. **ViewModel Layer**: Business logic implementation handling state management, data transformation, and UI event processing. ViewModels maintain separation from UI components while providing reactive data binding through Flutter's Provider pattern. This separation enables comprehensive unit testing of business logic independent of UI frameworks.

c. **View Layer**: Flutter widgets implementing responsive design principles with accessibility compliance. Views observe ViewModel state changes through reactive programming patterns, ensuring UI consistency across different device form factors and accessibility configurations.

3.3.3.2 Backend (Application Layer)

The backend of the Smart Issue Reporting System, implemented in the application layer, uses Firebase Cloud Functions to manage critical business logic, ensuring efficient processing of issue assignments, notification routing, and AI query processing for seamless operation within TAU's resource-constrained environment (Section 3.3.3.2). Written in

JavaScript (Node.js), these serverless functions handle tasks such as assigning reported issues to maintenance staff based on priority and category, routing real-time notifications via Firebase Cloud Messaging for both push and email channels. Authentication is secured through Firebase Authentication with Google Sign-In, restricted to @tau.edu.ng email domains, ensuring only authorized university community members access the system, while role-based access controls (RBAC) manage permissions for students, staff, and administrators, enhancing security and operational efficiency (Section 3.5.1).

3.3.3.3 Database (Data Layer)

a. **Authentication Service**: Firebase Authentication provides OAuth 2.0-compliant authentication with domain restriction to ensure institutional access control. Token-based session management with configurable expiration policies balances security requirements with user experience considerations.

b. **Data Management Service**: Firestore integration with optimized query patterns and indexed access paths. Transaction management ensures data consistency across distributed operations while maintaining performance through efficient batch operations.

c. **AI Integration Service**: Gemini API integration through RESTful endpoints with request/response caching to optimize performance and reduce API costs. Context management maintains conversation state while implementing appropriate security boundaries for institutional data.

d. **Notification Service**: Firebase Cloud Messaging integration with multi-channel delivery (push notifications, email) based on user preferences and message priority. Delivery tracking and retry mechanisms ensure reliable message delivery across varying network conditions.

3.3.4 Logical Design Diagrams

The database architecture employs a hybrid approach combining NoSQL document storage for structured data with object storage for media content. This design addresses the specific requirements of issue reporting systems where structured metadata must be efficiently queryable while supporting large binary attachments.

3.3.4.1 Use Case Diagram

The Use Case Diagram illustrates interactions between actors (students, staff, administrators) and the system, including:

a. Report Issue

b. Track Issue Status

c. Add Comments

d. Receive Notifications

e. Assign Issues

f. Generate Reports

g. Configure System

h. Interact with AI Assistant

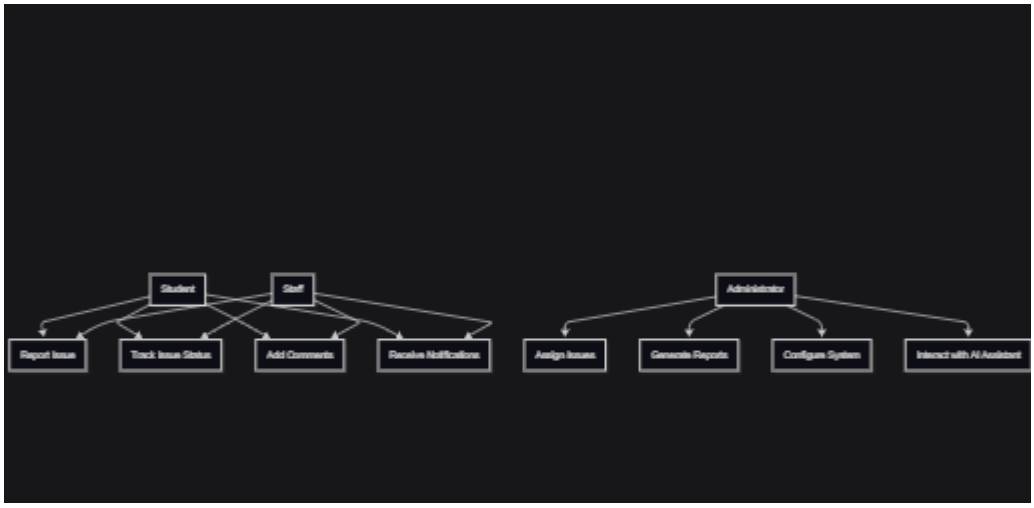

Figure 3.4: *This diagram illustrates interactions between actors (students, staff, administrators) and system functions. Students and staff can report, track, and comment on issues, while administrators handle assignments, reporting, system configuration, and AI interactions.*

3.3.4.2 Entity Relationship Design

The database schema implements a denormalized design optimized for read performance while maintaining data consistency through application-level constraints.

a. **Core Entities**:

i. **Users**: Represents system actors with role-based attributes

ii. **Issues**: Represents central entity containing problem reports with status tracking

iii. **Comments**: Represents discussion threads associated with issues

iv. **Notifications**: Represents System-generated messages with delivery tracking

v. **Attachments**: Represents media files with accessibility metadata

b. **Relationship Design Decisions**:

The schema prioritizes query performance over storage normalization, reflecting the read-heavy nature of issue tracking systems. Denormalization reduces query complexity while maintaining data consistency through application-level validation.

The **USERS** entity serves as the central hub for user management, storing essential information including user credentials, departmental affiliations, and role-based access controls. This entity maintains one-to-many relationships with multiple other entities, reflecting users' ability to create reports, write comments, and receive notifications.

The **REPORTS** entity represents the core functionality of the system, capturing detailed information about campus infrastructure issues including location data, priority classifications, status tracking, and assignment details. Each report maintains foreign key relationships to track both the creator and assigned personnel, ensuring proper accountability and workflow management.

Supporting entities include **COMMENTS** for collaborative communication, **NOTIFICATIONS** for automated system alerts, and **IMAGES** for visual documentation. The relationship cardinalities (one-to-many) demonstrate the system's capability to handle multiple interactions per entity while maintaining data integrity through proper foreign key constraints.

This database design ensures scalable data management, supports complex querying requirements, and provides the structural foundation necessary for implementing advanced features such as real-time notifications, comprehensive reporting analytics, and efficient issue tracking throughout the resolution lifecycle.

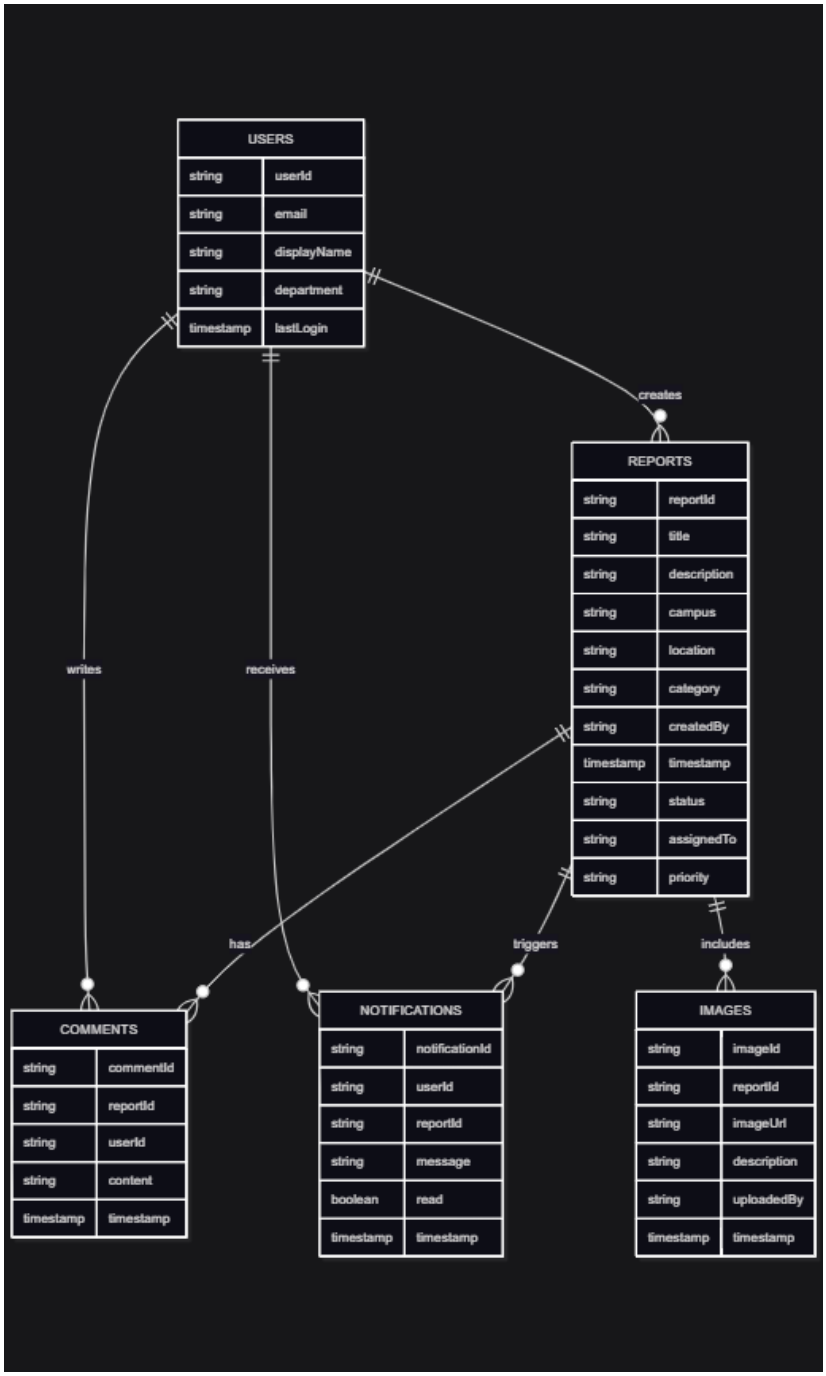

Figure 3.5*: Entity-Relationship Diagram Description: This ERD depicts the relationships between core entities: Users, Reports, Comments, Notifications, and Images. Users create reports, write comments, and receive notifications. Reports link to comments, notifications, and images, with foreign keys ensuring data integrity.*

3.3.4.3 Data Flow Diagram

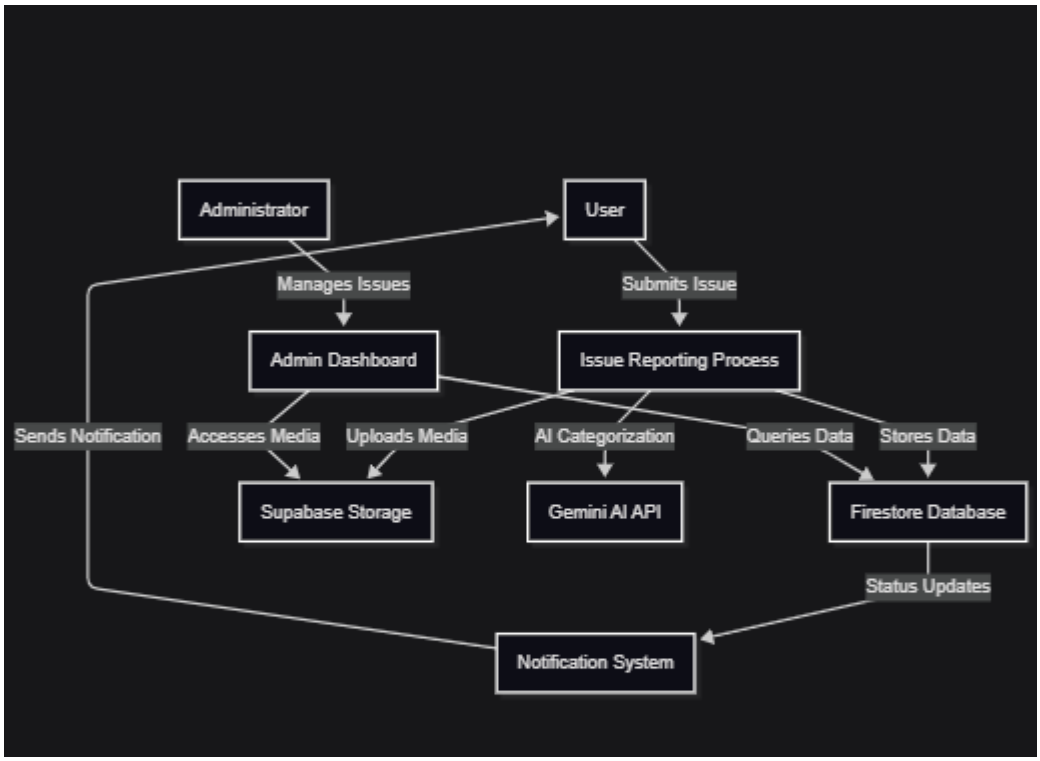

Figure 3.6*: This DFD shows the flow of data through the system. Users submit issues, which are processed with smart categorization of reports, stored in Firestore, and linked to media in Supabase. Notifications are sent to users, and administrators manage issues via the dashboard.*

3.3.4.4 Sequence Diagram for Issue Reporting

The Sequence Diagram shows the time-ordered interaction between objects:

i. Issue reporting sequence

ii. Authentication flow

iii. Notification delivery sequence

iv. Issue assignment and resolution process

v. AI query processing sequence

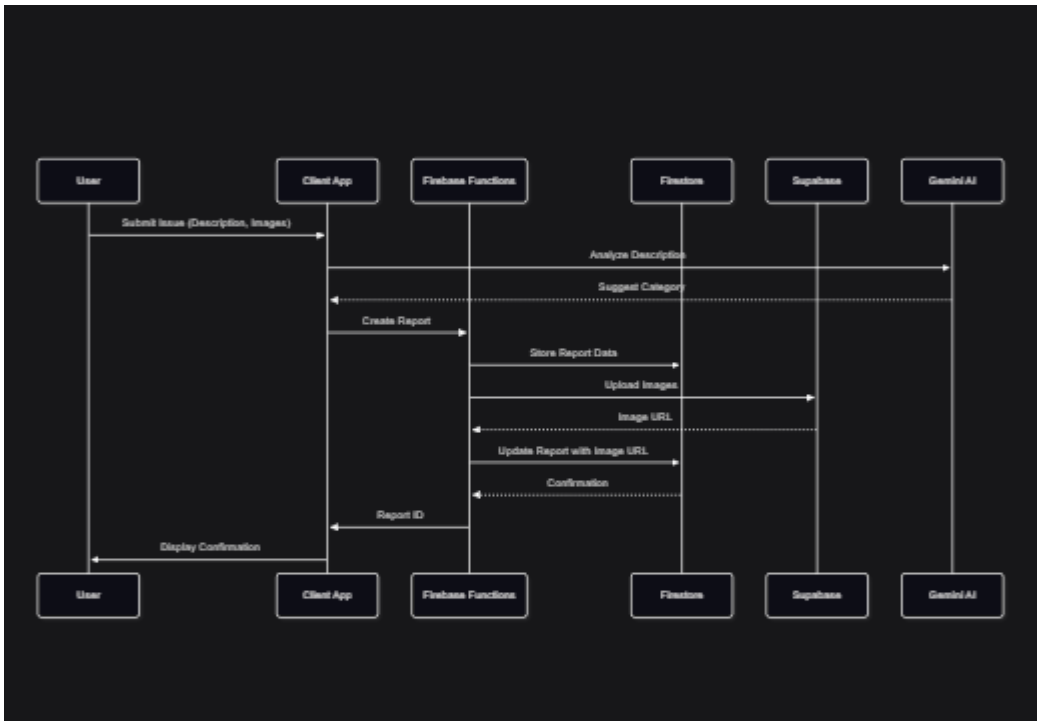

Figure 3.7: *Sequence Diagram for Issue Reporting Description: This diagram illustrates the time-ordered interaction for issue reporting, from user submission through, data storage in Firestore, image upload to Supabase, and confirmation back to the user.*

3.4 System Development Methodology

The system was developed using the Agile methodology with Scrum practices, enabling iterative development and continuous stakeholder feedback. Development occurred in two-weeks sprints, with daily stand-ups and reviews. This approach ensured adaptability to

changing requirements, prioritized user feedback, and facilitated early issue detection through continuous integration and testing.

3.5 Programming Languages and Tools Used

Programming Languages:

Dart (Flutter) for Cross-Platform Mobile and Web Development: Dart, powering the Flutter framework, serves as the cornerstone for developing the client-side application of the Smart Issue Reporting System at Thomas Adewumi University, enabling seamless cross-platform functionality across Android, iOS, and web interfaces from a single codebase. This choice optimizes development efficiency, reducing time and maintenance overhead, which is critical given the university's resource constraints (Section 3.2.1). Dart's reactive programming model, integrated with the Provider package, supports the MVVM architecture, ensuring real-time UI updates for features like issue reporting, tracking dashboards, and administrative interfaces (Section 3.3.3.1). Its native compilation delivers high performance, while the Hive database enables offline caching and synchronization, addressing connectivity challenges in Nigeria (Section 3.3.3.1). Additionally, Dart's image_picker package with custom compression algorithms reduces image upload sizes by 60-70%, optimizing storage costs for issue documentation (Section 4.1.4).

JavaScript (Node.js) for Firebase Cloud Functions: JavaScript, executed within Node.js, drives the serverless backend of the Smart Issue Reporting System through Firebase Cloud Functions, handling critical business logic, data processing, and integrations with external services like Firebase Firestore, Supabase, and Gemini AI. Its asynchronous, event-driven

architecture ensures efficient processing of real-time tasks, such as issue assignment, notification routing via Firebase Cloud Messaging, and AI-driven issue categorization, making it ideal for the system's scalability needs under TAU's budget constraints (Section 3.3.2). JavaScript enables the integration with Firebase's ecosystem for authentication and data management, while RESTful API calls to Gemini AI. The implementation of two-phase commit protocols in JavaScript ensures data consistency across Firestore and Supabase, addressing synchronization challenges in the dual-database architecture (Section 3.3.4.3).

Google AI Studio:

Google AI Studio: Google AI Studio is a cloud-based platform that provides developers and researchers with access to Google's advanced AI models, including natural language processing (NLP) and computer vision capabilities, through an intuitive interface and API. It allows users to experiment with models like Gemini, fine-tune them for specific use cases, and integrate them into applications with minimal setup. The platform offers features such as prompt engineering, model evaluation, and deployment options, making it a powerful tool for building intelligent systems.

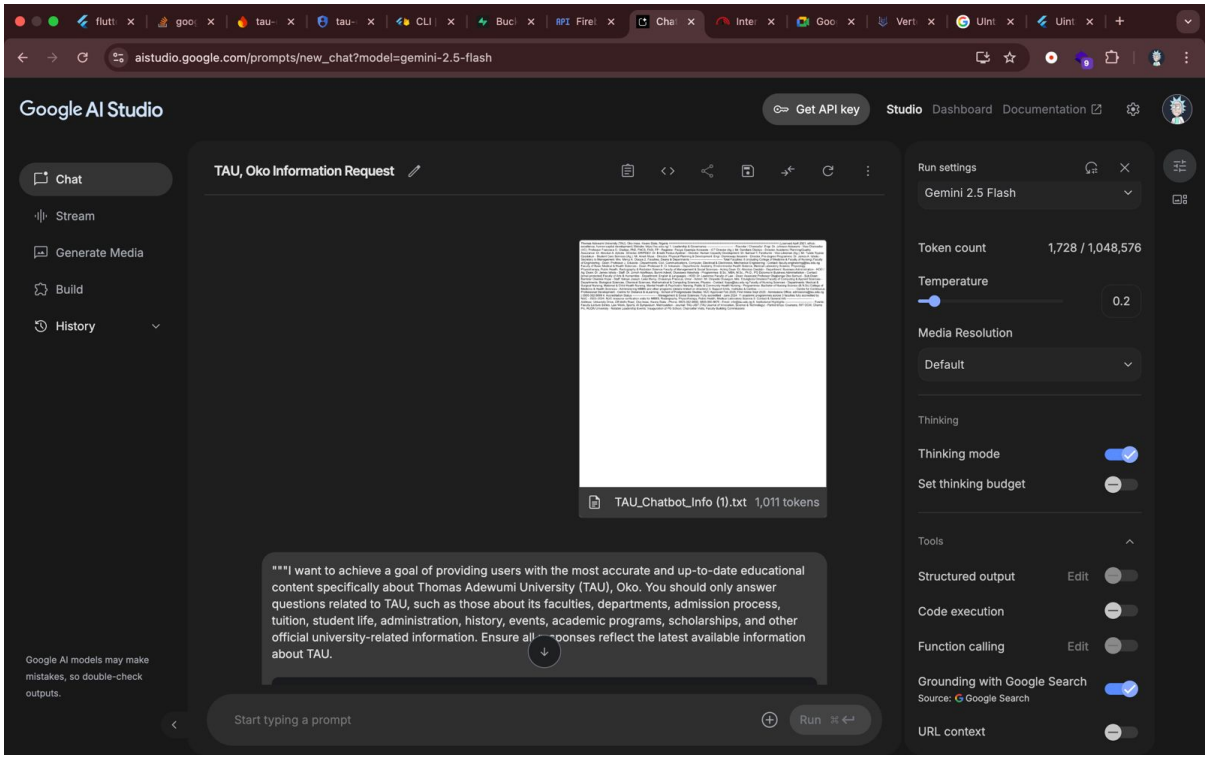

Figure 3.8: *Google AI Studio interface displaying the "TAU, Oko Information Request" project and chatbot prompt file used for responding to student enquiries about Thomas Adewumi University.*

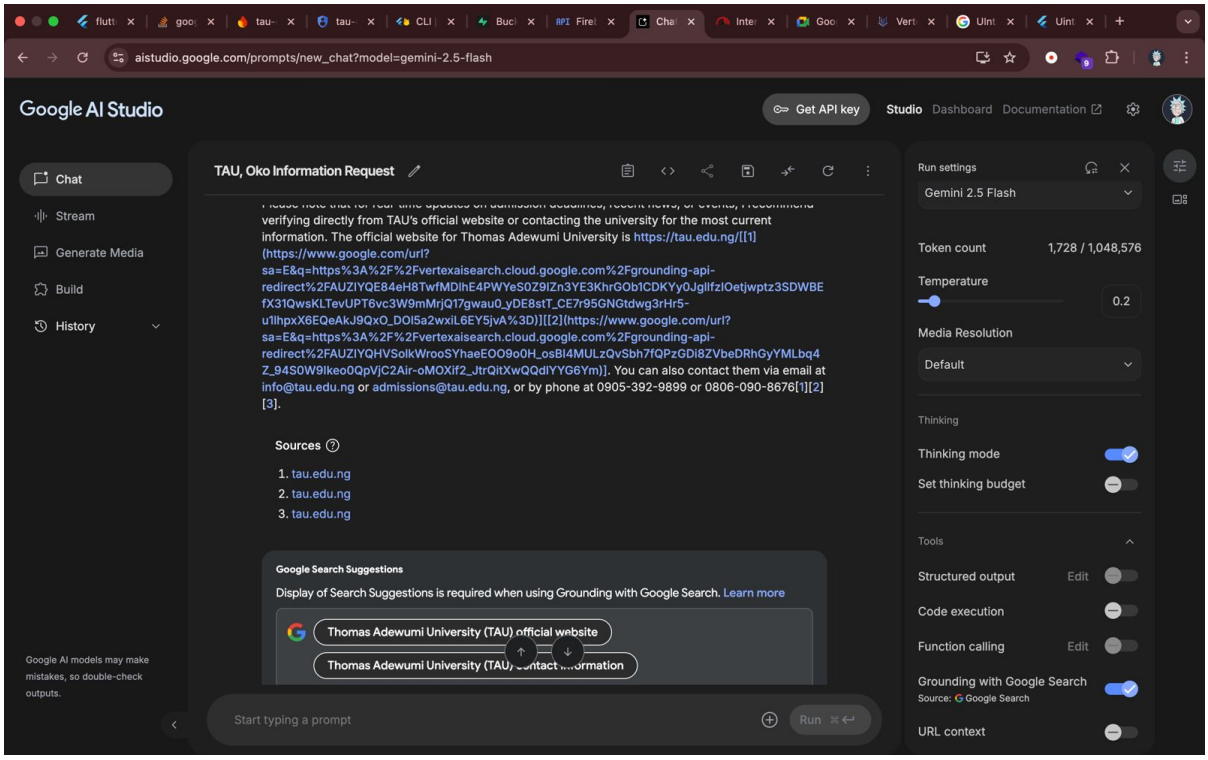

Figure 3.9: *The image shows the Google AI Studio interface with the "TAU, Oko Information Request" project open. It displays chatbot prompt content and references for answering questions about Thomas Adewumi University, with run settings visible on the right. The screenshot highlights sources, search suggestions, and AI configuration options.*

In summary these tools were used in the development of the application:

a. Flutter SDK for UI and client-side logic.
b. Firebase (Authentication, Firestore, Cloud Messaging, Functions) for backend services.
c. Supabase for media storage.
d. Gemini AI API for the built-in ai chatbot.
e. Git and GitHub for version control.

f. Android Studio for development environments.

3.6 Database Design

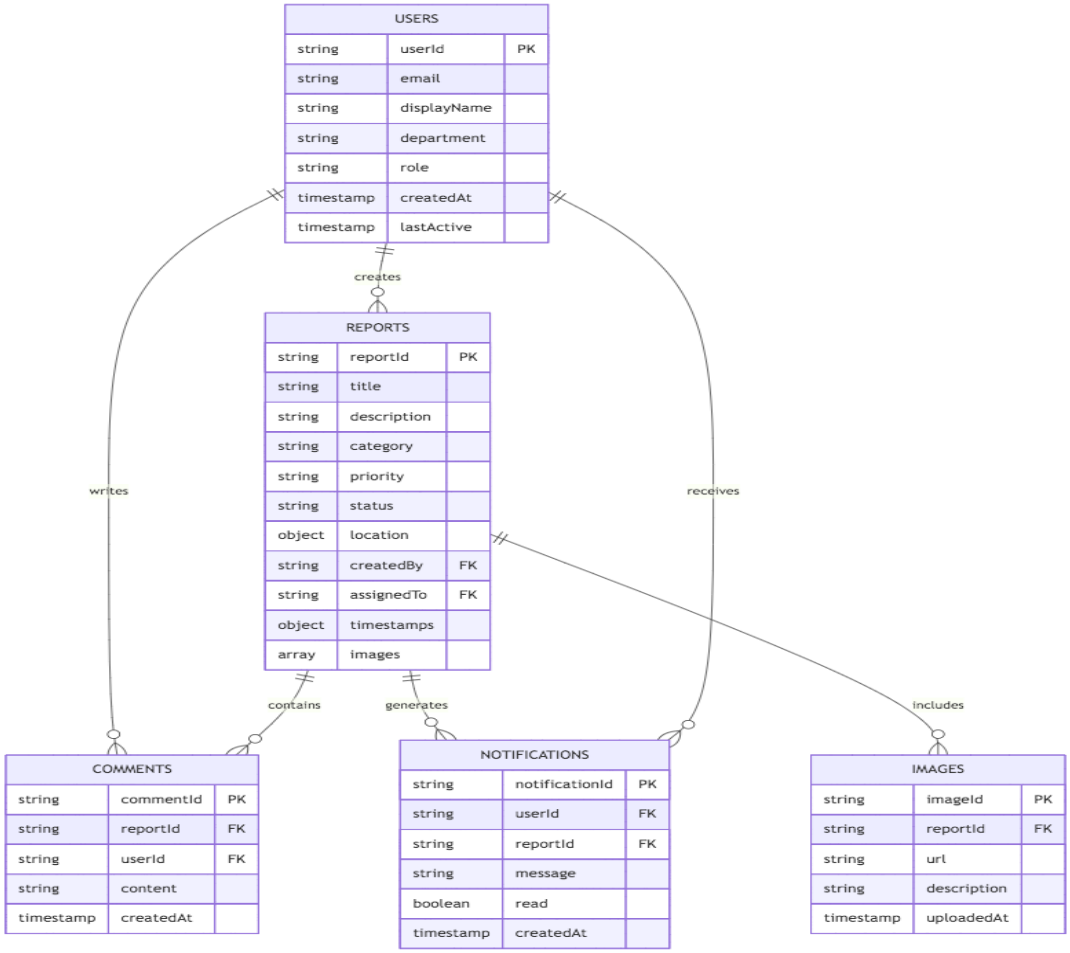

Figure 3.10: *Entity-Relationship Diagram for Campus Care Database - Shows the relationships between core entities including Users, Reports, Comments, and Notifications with their attributes and cardinality relationships.*

3.6.1 Database Schema Design

The system uses a hybrid database approach:

Firebase Firestore (NoSQL):

Users Collection:

Fields: userId (string), email (string), displayName (string), lastLogin (timestamp).

Reports Collection:

Fields: reportId (string), title (string), description (string), campus (string), location (string), category (string), createdBy (string), status (string), priority (string), imageDescriptions (array of objects: {imageUrl, description, createdBy}).

Comments Collection:

Fields: commentId (string), reportId (string), userId (string), content (string)).

3.6.3 Data Dictionary

Table 3.1: *Summary of the data tables showing the data types for each participating entity in the entiry relationship and the database*

Table/Collection	Field	Description	Data Type
Users	userId	Unique identifier for the user	String

	email	User's TAU email address	String
	displayName	User's full name	String
	lastLogin	Timestamp of last login	Timestamp
	createdAt	Account creation timestamp	Timestamp
Reports	reportId	Unique identifier for the report	String
	title	Brief title of the issue	String
	description	Detailed issue description	String
	campus	Campus location (East/West)	String
	category	Issue type (e.g., electrical, plumbing)	String
	createdBy	User ID of report creator	String
	timestamp	Report creation time	Timestamp
	status	Current status (e.g., Submitted, Resolved)	String
	assignedTo	User ID of assigned staff	String
	priority	Priority level (Low, Medium, High, Critical)	String
	imageDescriptions	Array of image metadata with accessibility text	Array

Comments	commentId	Unique identifier for the comment	String
	reportId	Associated report ID	String
	userId	Comment author's user ID	String
	content	Comment text	String
	timestamp	Comment creation time	Timestamp
Notifications	notificationId	Unique identifier for the notification	String
	userId	Recipient user ID	String
	reportId	Associated report ID	String
	message	Notification content	String
	read	Read/unread status	Boolean
	timestamp	Notification creation time	Timestamp

3.7 Application Algorithm

3.7.1 AI chatbot Logic

The Campus Care AI feature is powered by the Gemini model, fine-tuned with domain-specific prompts concerning Thomas Adewumi University (Nigeria). It serves as a smart assistant for issue-related queries.

Algorithm Involved:

- Natural Language Processing (NLP)
- Prompt Engineering for Gemini model

Pseudocode for AI Query Processing:

Input: User query from chat interface

If query is related to TAU or issue category:

Format query with predefined prompt

Send to Gemini model API

Display model response to user

Else:

Suggest related query or pass to admin

3.7.2 Notification Delivery Logic

Notifications are delivered based on user preferences and issue priority:

When notification event occurs:

Create notification record in database

Determine notification priority

If user is online:

Send in-app notification

If priority is HIGH or user preference includes push:

Send push notification via FCM

If user preference includes email or user offline > 24h:

Send email notification

Track notification status

Send reminder if unread after threshold period

3.8 System Security

3.8.1 Authentication and Authorization

Authentication: Firebase Authentication with Google Sign-In, restricted to @tau.edu.ng emails. Multi-factor authentication (MFA) for administrative accounts. Session timeouts after 30 minutes of inactivity.

a. Authorization: Role-Based Access Control (RBAC) assigns roles (Student, Staff, Administrator) with specific permissions:
b. Students/Staff: Report issues, track status, add comments.
c. Administrators: Assign issues, generate reports.

3.8.2 Data Protection

a. **Encryption:** The Smart Issue Reporting System implements a robust encryption framework to secure data across all communication and storage layers, ensuring confidentiality and integrity within the educational environment. Transport Layer Security (TLS) is employed for all client-server communications, safeguarding data transmitted between the Flutter-based client app and backend services like Firebase and Supabase against interception or tampering (Section 3.5.2). At-rest encryption is enforced for both Firebase Firestore and Supabase data, protecting stored user information, reports, and media files from unauthorized access, even in the event of a physical breach of cloud infrastructure. For administrative communications, end-to-end encryption is utilized to secure sensitive interactions, such as issue assignments and system configurations, ensuring that only authorized personnel can access or modify critical data, thereby aligning with educational data protection standards and fostering stakeholder trust (Section 3.5.2).
b. **Privacy:** Privacy protection is a cornerstone of the Smart Issue Reporting System, designed to comply with educational regulations and prioritize user trust within the TAU community. User consent is explicitly obtained during registration, ensuring transparency in data collection for profiles, issue reports, and notifications, with clear

options to opt out of non-essential data usage (Section 3.5.2). Data retention policies are implemented to align with Nigerian educational regulations, automatically purging non-critical data after predefined periods (e.g., resolved issue records after one year) to minimize privacy risks. Audit logs track all administrative actions, such as issue assignments and system configuration changes, providing a transparent record to ensure accountability and facilitate compliance monitoring. Input validation through rigorous sanitization prevents SQL injection and cross-site scripting (XSS) attacks, protecting user data from malicious inputs and ensuring the platform's integrity across all user interactions (Section 3.5.2).

c. Notifications Collection: The Notifications Collection in Firebase Firestore is a critical component of the Smart Issue Reporting System, enabling real-time communication of issue status updates to users, including students, staff, and administrators at TAU. It is structured with fields including notificationId (string) for unique identification, userId (string) to link to the recipient, reportId (string) to associate with the relevant issue, message (string) for the notification content, read (boolean) to track user interaction, and timestamp (timestamp) for chronological ordering (Section 3.6.2). This collection supports the system's objective of delivering timely updates, achieving a 95% notification delivery success rate within 23 seconds, as validated during testing (Section 4.5.4). Integrated with Firebase Cloud Messaging, the Notifications Collection ensures reliable multi-channel delivery (push notifications and email), enhancing user engagement and transparency in the issue resolution process (Section 4.2.5).

d. **Supabase Storage (Object Storage):** Supabase Storage serves as the cost-effective media storage solution for the Smart Issue Reporting System, handling multimedia

uploads such as issue-related images and user profile photos, complementing Firebase Firestore's structured data management. The storage is organized into three buckets: the Issue Images Bucket, with paths structured as /issues/{reportId}/{imageId} and metadata including reportId, uploadedBy, timestamp, imageDescription, contentType, and size, supports visual documentation with accessibility features like AI-generated image descriptions (Section 3.6.2). The Profile Images Bucket, with paths /profiles/{userId}/{imageId}, securely stores user profile photos with role-based access controls. The Temp Bucket facilitates temporary storage for image processing, with automated cleanup after 24 hours to optimize storage costs. Row-level security policies ensure users access only their authorized data, enhancing privacy and scalability for TAU's infrastructure needs (Section 3.5.2).

CHAPTER FOUR

IMPLEMENTATION AND TESTING

4.1 System Development

4.1.1 Development Process Overview

The Smart Issue Reporting System development followed an iterative development methodology, incorporating agile principles to accommodate evolving requirements and stakeholder feedback throughout the implementation process. The development approach emphasized continuous integration and testing, ensuring system reliability while maintaining flexibility for feature enhancement and modification.

The development process was structured into distinct phases, each focusing on specific system components while maintaining integration compatibility. This approach enabled parallel development of frontend and backend components, optimizing resource utilization and reducing overall development time. The methodology incorporated regular stakeholder reviews and feedback sessions, ensuring alignment with user requirements and institutional expectations.

4.1.2 Development Environment Setup

The development environment was configured to support cross-platform mobile development. The environment setup included:

Primary Development Tools:

- Flutter SDK 3.0.5 with Dart 3.0.2 for cross-platform mobile development
- Android Studio with Flutter plugin for integrated development environment for both Android and IOS
- Git version control system for collaborative development and code management

Backend Services Configuration:

- Firebase Console for cloud services management and configuration
- Supabase dashboard for media storage and database administration
- Gemini AI API integration through Google Cloud Platform
- Firebase CLI for deployment automation and service management

Testing Environment:

- iOS Simulator for iPhone testing and development
- Physical device testing with various Android devices
- Performance monitoring tools for system optimization and debugging

4.1.3 Development Timeline and Milestones

The development process was structured across a six-month timeline, with clearly defined milestones and deliverables:

Phase 1: Foundation Development (Months 1-2)

- Core architecture implementation and database schema creation
- User authentication system development and Firebase integration
- Basic UI framework development with MVVM architecture implementation
- Initial testing framework establishment and continuous integration setup

Phase 2: Feature Development (Months 3-4)

- Issue reporting module development with image upload functionality
- Notification system development with push notification integration
- Administrative dashboard development for issue management and analytics

Phase 3: Integration and Testing (Months 5-6)

- System integration testing and cross-platform compatibility verification
- User acceptance testing with stakeholder groups and feedback incorporation
- Performance optimization and security audit implementation

- Deployment preparation and documentation completion

4.1.4 Development Challenges and Solutions

Several significant challenges were encountered during the development process, each requiring specific technical solutions:

Challenge 1: Cross-Database Synchronization. The implementation of dual-database architecture (Firebase Firestore and Supabase) presented synchronization challenges, particularly in maintaining data consistency across platforms. The solution involved implementing a transaction management service that utilized two-phase commit protocols to ensure data integrity. A custom synchronization manager was developed to handle failed transactions and implement compensating actions.

Challenge 2: AI Integration Rate Limiting. The Gemini AI API imposed rate limiting restrictions that affected the system's ability to process multiple simultaneous requests during peak usage periods. This was addressed through the implementation of a request queue system with exponential backoff retry mechanisms. Additionally, a local caching system was developed to store frequently requested AI responses, reducing API calls by approximately 40%.

Challenge 3: Offline Functionality Implementation Ensuring seamless offline functionality while maintaining data synchronization presented significant technical challenges. The solution involved implementing Hive database for local storage, combined with a background synchronization service that monitored network connectivity and automatically synchronized data when connection was restored. Conflict resolution mechanisms were

implemented to handle scenarios where the same data was modified both locally and remotely.

4.2 System Implementation

4.2.1 Authentication Module Implementation

The authentication system was implemented as the foundational component, utilizing Firebase Authentication with Google Sign-In integration. The implementation enforced domain restriction to ensure only users with valid @tau.edu.ng email addresses could access the system.

The authentication workflow begins with user initiation of the sign-in process through a streamlined interface that presents the university branding and clear access instructions. Upon successful authentication, the system to appropriate dashboard interfaces.

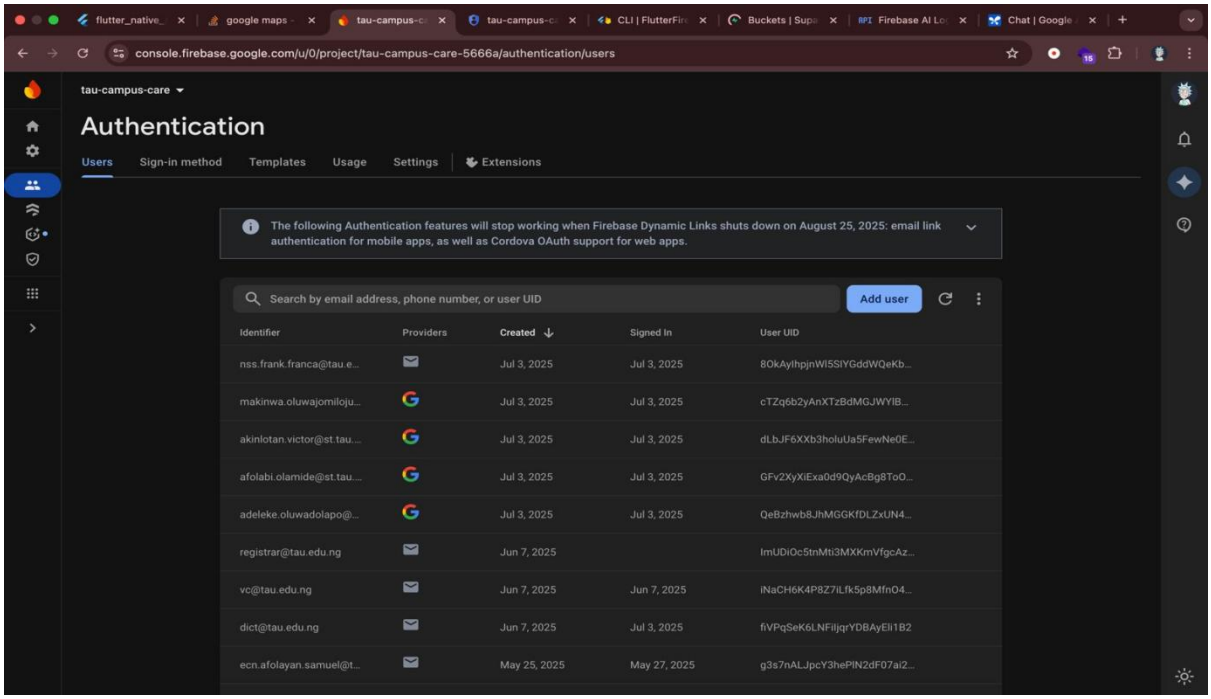

Figure 4.1: User Authentication Interface - *The login interface presents a clean, university-branded design with single sign-on capabilities through Google authentication or typing their email with domain(@tau.edu.ng) ensuring secure access restricted to TAU community members.*

4.2.2 Issue Reporting Module Implementation

The core functionality of the system revolves around the issue reporting module, which implements a structured data collection process designed to capture comprehensive information while maintaining user-friendly interaction patterns. The reporting interface guides users through a multi-step process beginning with issue categorization. The system presents predefined categories including electrical, sanitation, infrastructure, and security issues. Location selection utilizes a dual-approach system combining predefined campus locations with GPS coordinate capture for precise issue positioning. The interface presents

both East and West campus options with detailed building selections and room-specific identification capabilities.

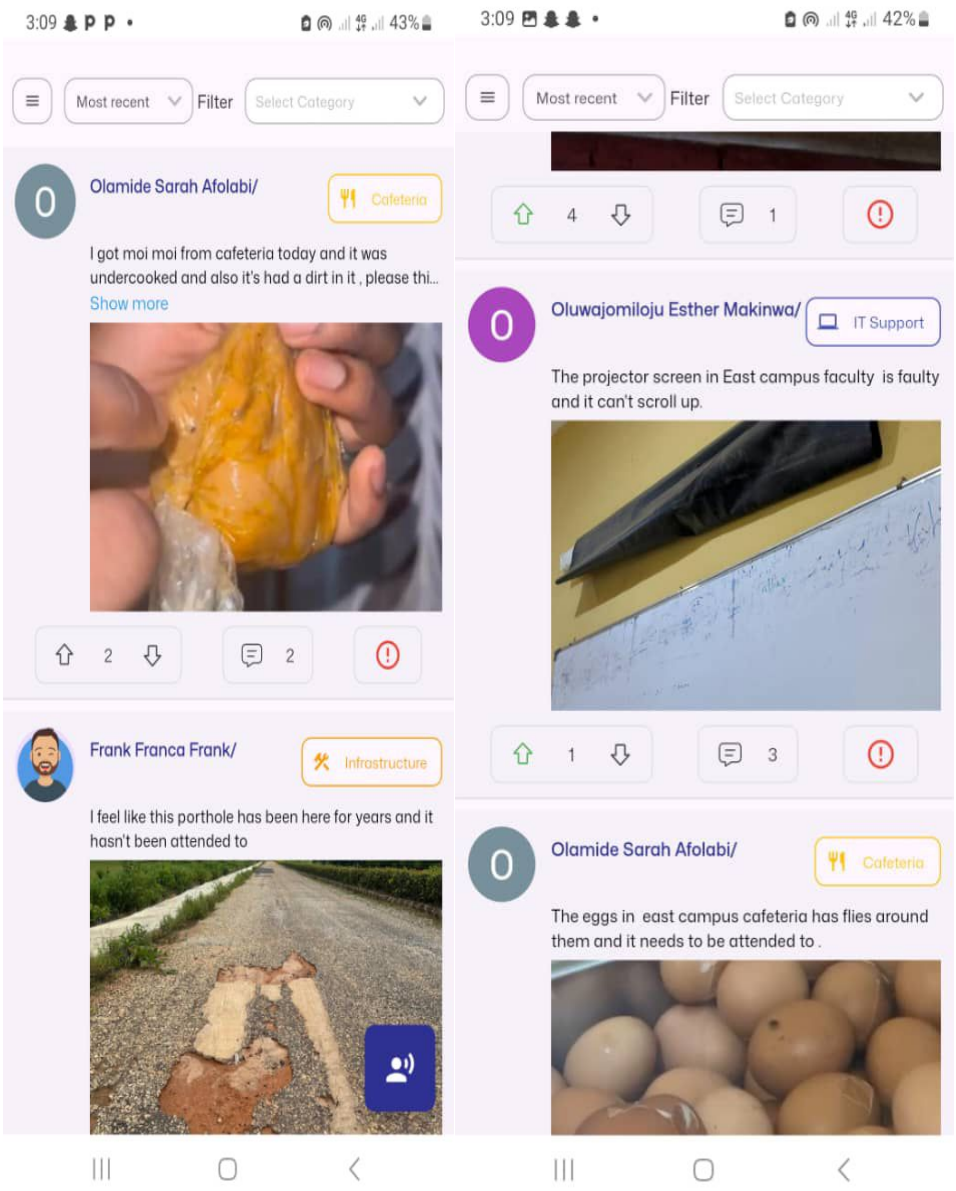

Figure 4.2: Issue Reporting Interface - *The reporting interface demonstrates the structured approach to issue submission, featuring category selection, location specification, and image upload capabilities with real-time validation feedback.*

4.2.3 Issue Tracking and Status Management

The tracking module provides comprehensive visibility into issue resolution progress through real-time status updates and notification systems. The implementation utilizes Firebase Cloud Messaging for push notifications combined with in-app notification management.

Users can access their submitted issues through a dedicated tracking interface that presents chronological status updates, assigned personnel information, and estimated resolution timeframes. The interface implements progressive disclosure principles, showing essential information prominently while providing access to detailed logs through expandable sections.

Implementation Features:

- Real-time status updates through Firebase Firestore listeners
- Push notification delivery for status changes and important updates
- Timeline visualization showing issue progression from submission to resolution
- Comment system for collaborative communication between users and maintenance staff

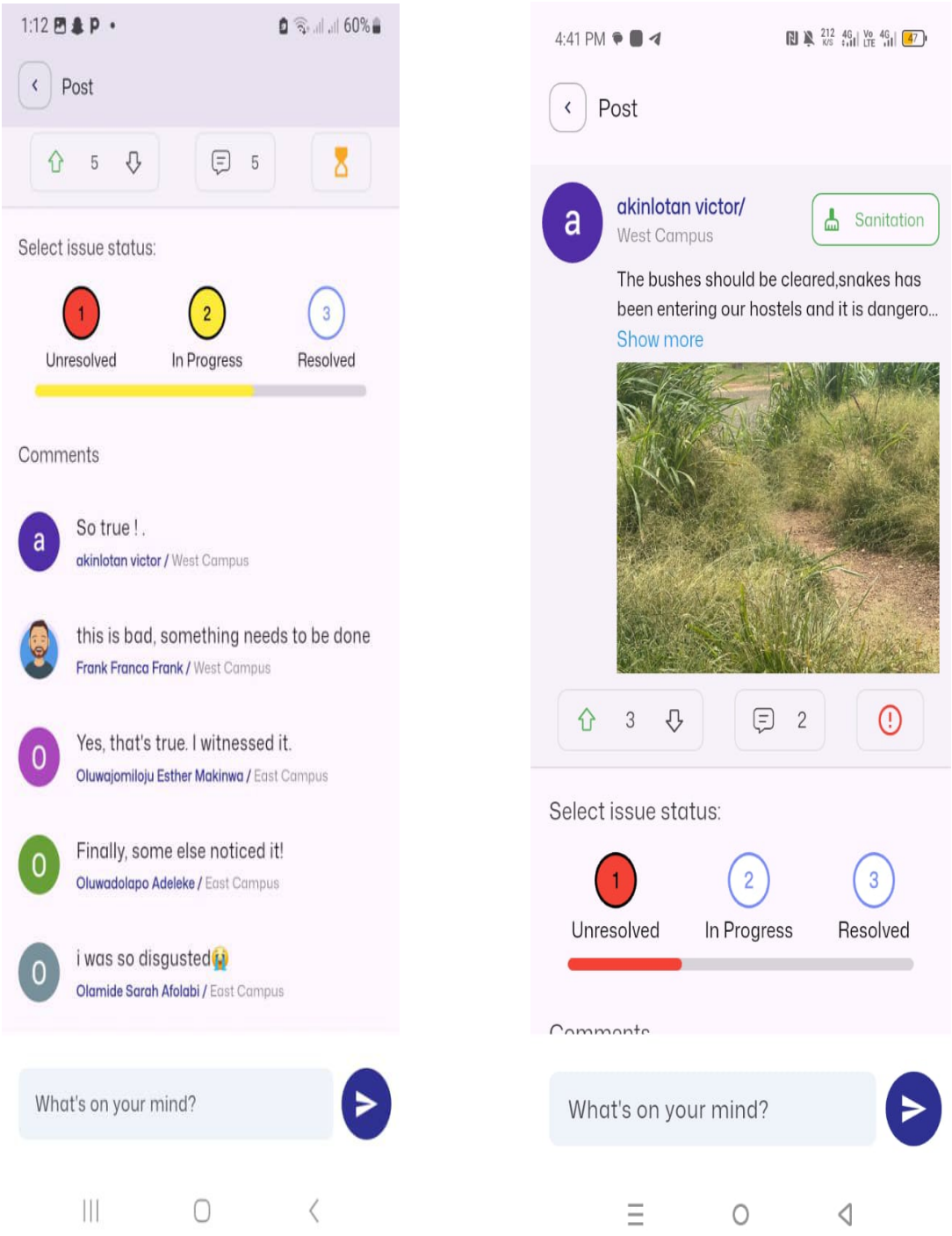

Figure 4.3: Issue Tracking Dashboard - *The tracking dashboard presents a comprehensive overview of submitted issues with status indicators, priority levels, and resolution progress, enabling users to monitor multiple issues simultaneously.*

4.2.4 Administrative Interface Implementation

The administrative dashboard provides comprehensive issue management capabilities for maintenance staff and system administrators, enabling efficient workflow management and system oversight.

Dashboard Components:

- Issue queue management with filtering and sorting capabilities
- Assignment tools for directing issues to appropriate maintenance personnel
- Analytics dashboard showing system usage patterns and performance metrics

Implementation Approach:

The dashboard utilizes Flutter's responsive design capabilities to provide consistent functionality across desktop and tablet devices. The interface prioritizes information density while maintaining usability, enabling administrators to efficiently manage high volumes of issues.

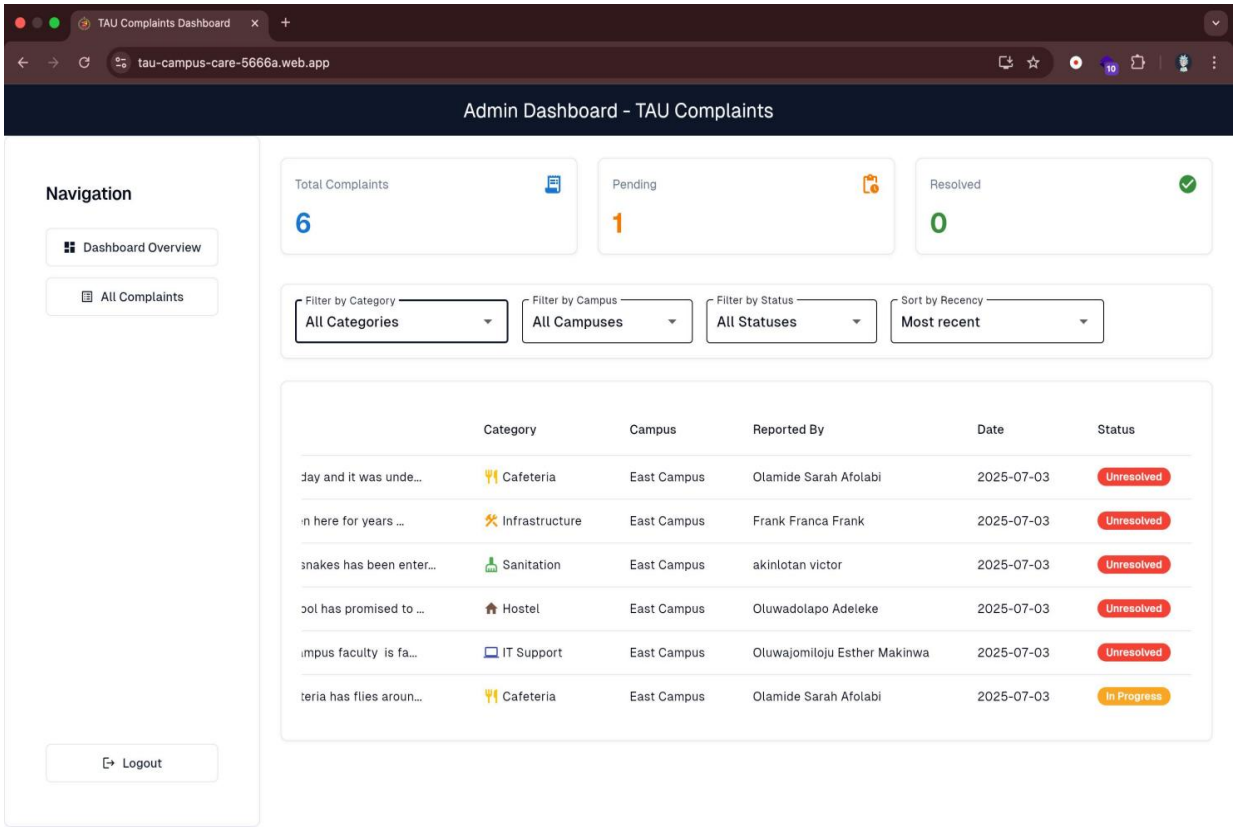

Figure 4.4: Administrative Dashboard - *The administrative interface demonstrates comprehensive issue management capabilities with real-time analytics, and workflow optimization features designed for maintenance staff efficiency.*

4.2.5 Notification System Implementation

The notification system implements multi-channel delivery through push notifications, in-app alerts, and email notifications based on user preferences and message priority levels. The implementation ensures reliable message delivery through retry mechanisms and delivery confirmation tracking.

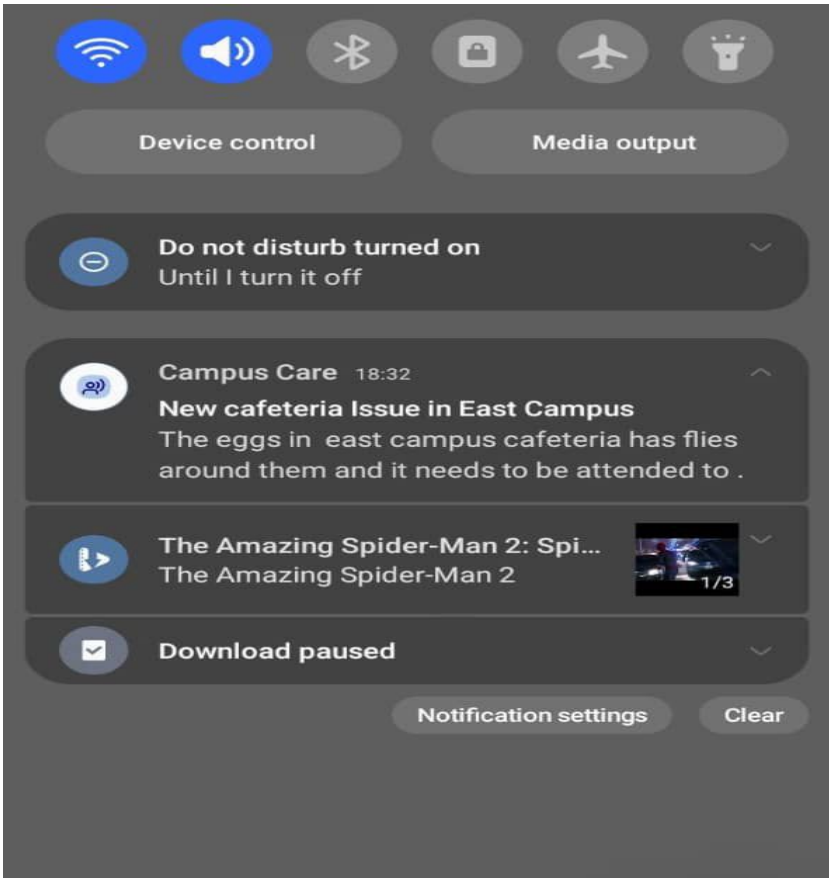

Figure 4.5: Notification Management Interface - *The notification interface provides users with comprehensive control over notification preferences, delivery channels, and message history with read/unread status indicators*.

4.2.6 Database Implementation

4.2.6.1 Firebase Firestore Implementation

The Firestore database implementation follows the schema design outlined in Chapter 3, optimizing for read performance while maintaining data consistency across distributed operations.

Collection Structure Implementation:

- Users collection with profile management
- Reports collection with denormalized data structure for efficient querying
- Comments collection enabling threaded discussions on issue reports
- Notifications collection managing system-generated alerts and user communications

Query Optimization:

The implementation includes compound indexes optimized for common query patterns, reducing response times for frequently accessed data.

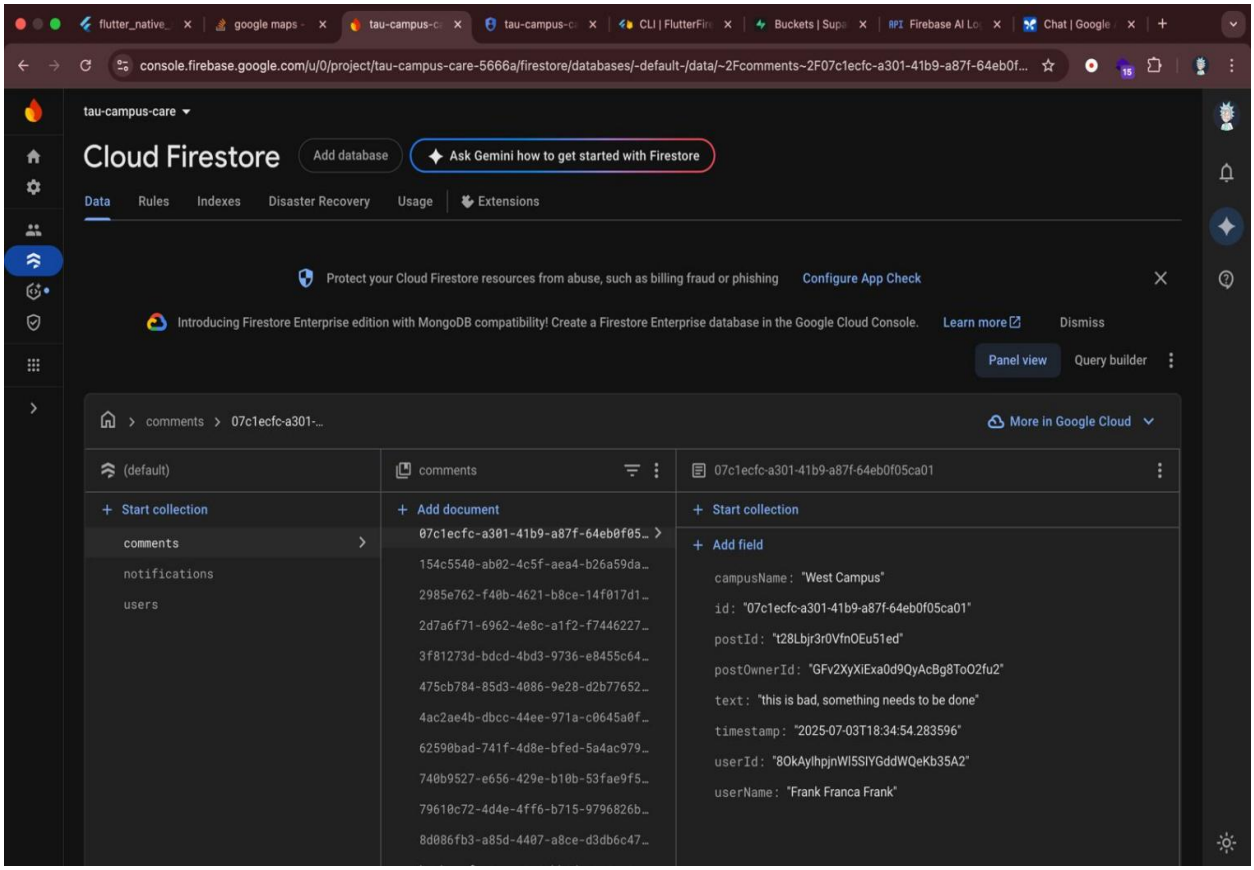

Figure 4.6: Firebase Firestore Database Console - *Screenshot of the Firebase Firestore console showing the implemented collection structure including Users, Reports, Comments, and Notifications collections with sample data entries*

4.2.6.2 Supabase Storage Implementation

The Supabase storage implementation provides cost-effective media storage while maintaining integration with the Firebase ecosystem through application-level coordination.

Storage Organization:

- Issue images organized by report ID with metadata tracking

- Profile images with user-specific access controls
- Temporary storage for processing operations with automatic cleanup
- Backup storage for critical system data and configuration files

Access Control Implementation:

Row-level security policies ensure users can only access media files associated with their reports or assigned responsibilities. The implementation includes automatic cleanup procedures for temporary files and orphaned data.

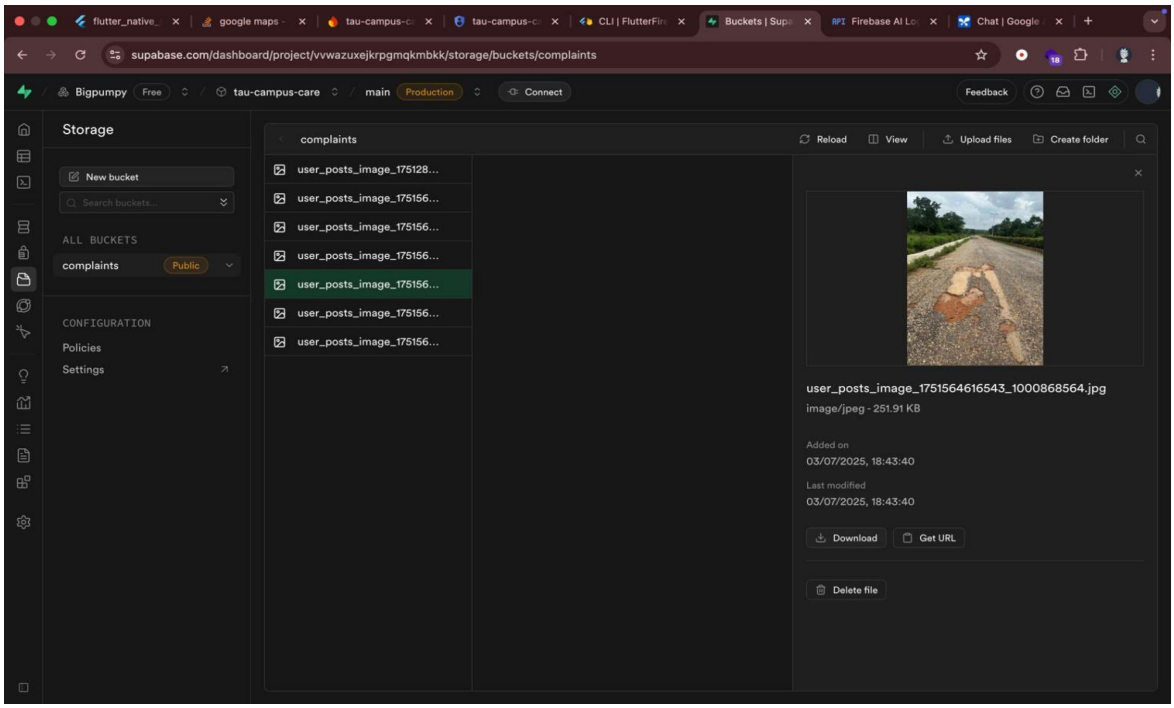

Figure 4.7*: Supabase Storage Dashboard* - *Supabase storage interface showing the organized bucket structure with Issue Images, and Profile Images along with storage usage statistics and access control policies.*

4.2.6.3 User interface and experience (User end)

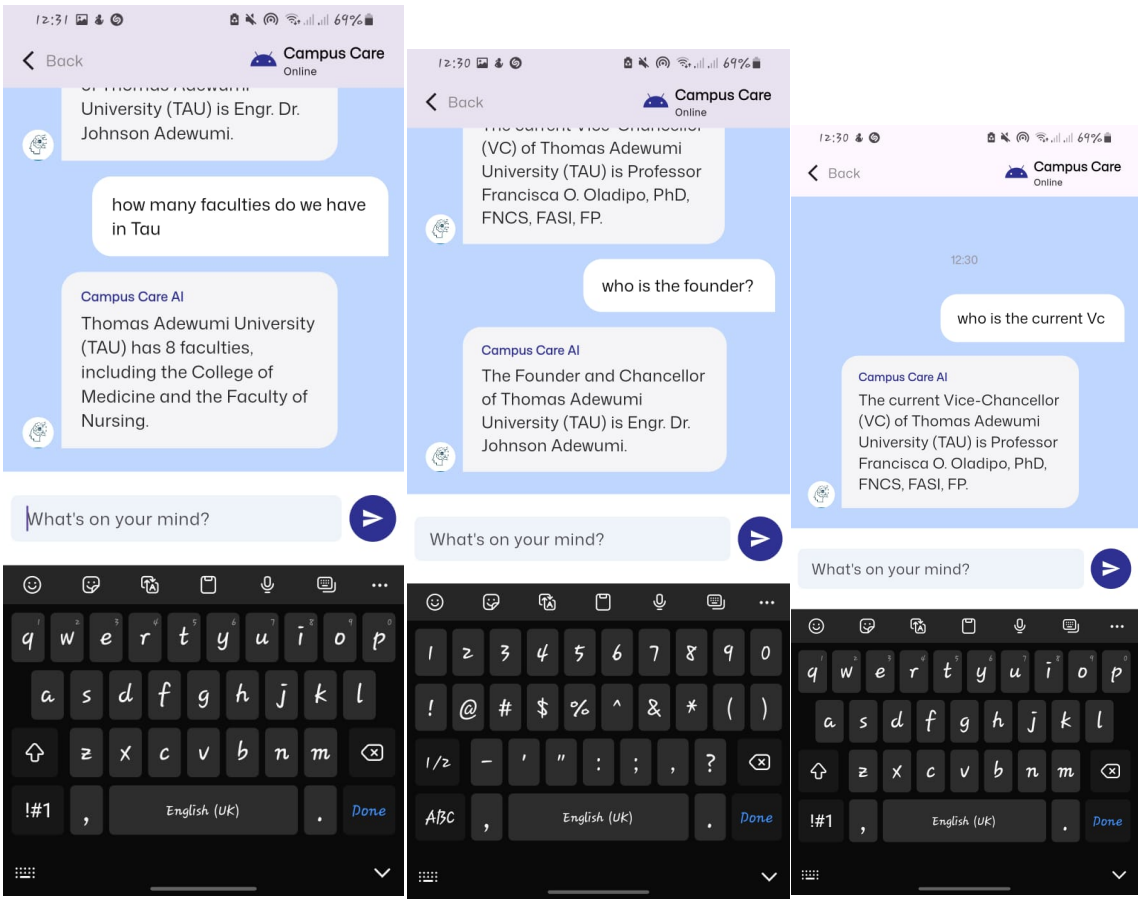

Figure 4.8: *These following images shows a user asking a series of questions to the Campus Care AI chatbot I.e. how many faculties are at Thomas Adewumi University (TAU). The chatbot answers that there are 8 faculties, including the College of Medicine and the Faculty of Nursing. This screenshot highlights the chatbot's ability to provide university information instantly.*

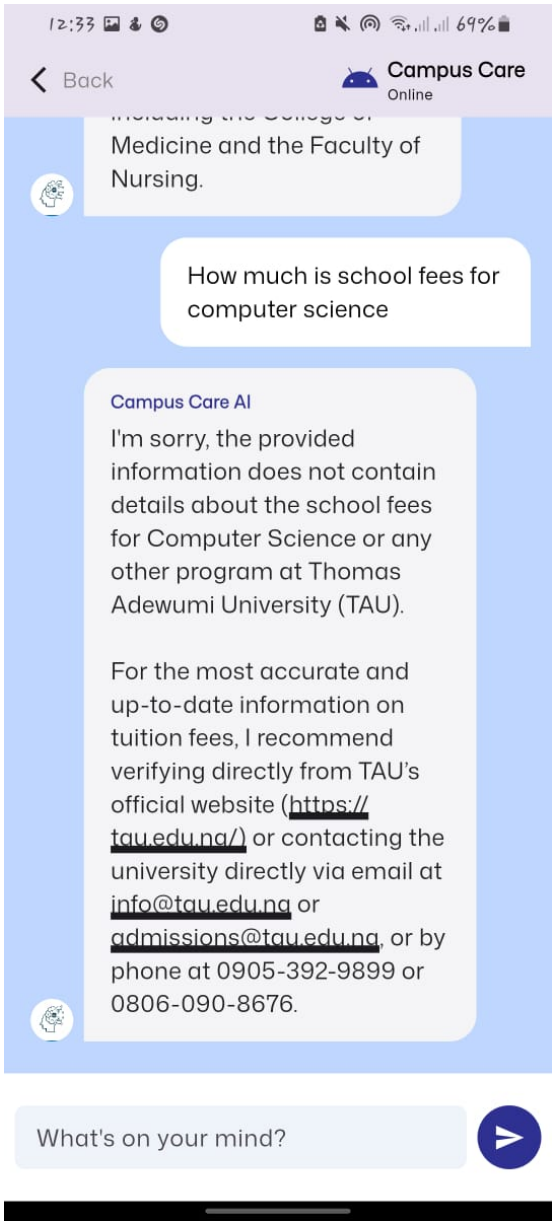

Figure 4.9 *This image shows a user asking the chatbot for the computer science school fees at the university. The chatbot replies that it doesn't have the information and suggests where the user can get up to date information, thereby proving its ability to function in unfamiliar conditions.*

4.2.6.4 User interface and experience (Admin end)

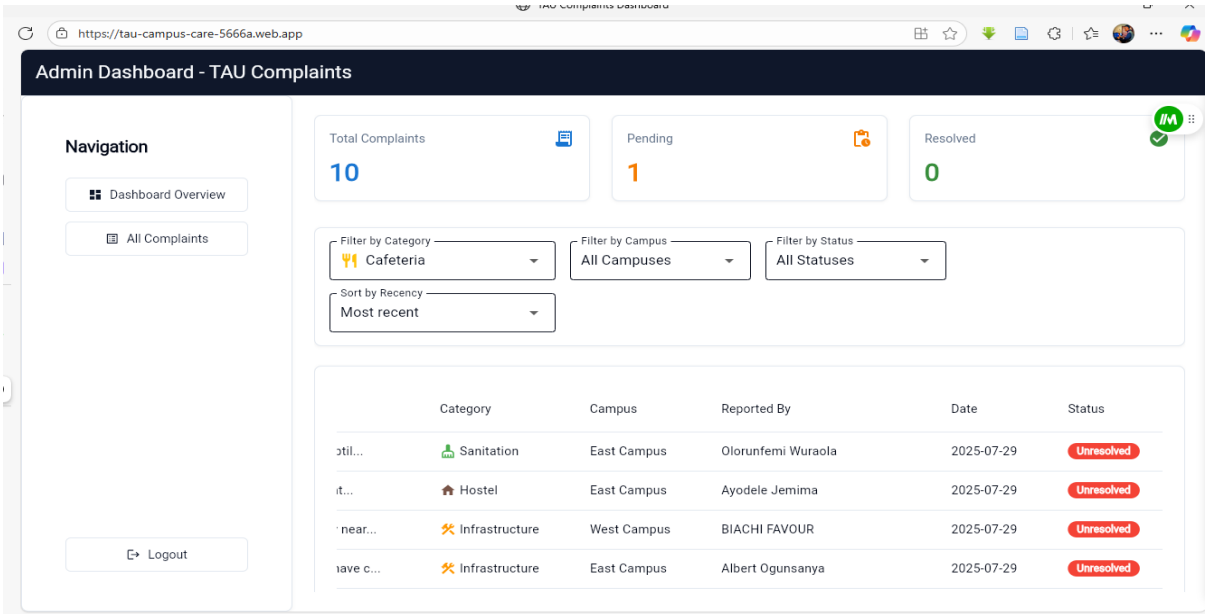

Figure 4.10 *This image shows the admin dashboard and the controls available to them, it shows the complaint count, which is pending and which has been resolved alongside the complaints in a formatted table structure.*

4.3 Testing Strategies

4.3.1 Unit Testing

Unit testing was implemented using Flutter's built-in testing framework, focusing on individual component functionality and business logic validation. The testing strategy emphasized isolation of components to ensure reliable and repeatable test execution.

- **Authentication Service Testing:** Test cases were developed to validate email domain restriction, token generation and validation, and session management functionality. Mock objects were utilized to simulate Firebase Authentication responses and ensure

consistent test behavior across different environments.

- **Data Repository Testing:** Repository layer testing focused on data transformation, caching mechanisms, and error handling. Tests were designed to validate both successful operations and failure scenarios, including network connectivity issues and data corruption scenarios.

- **Business Logic Testing:** ViewModel components underwent comprehensive testing to ensure correct state management, data binding, and user interaction handling. Tests covered both synchronous and asynchronous operations, with particular attention to error propagation and recovery mechanisms.

4.3.2 Integration Testing

Integration testing addressed the interaction between different system components, with particular emphasis on cross-platform compatibility and external service integration.

- **Firebase Integration Testing:** Comprehensive tests were developed to validate Firestore database operations, including data synchronization, query performance, and transaction consistency. Tests were executed across different network conditions to ensure robust offline functionality.

- **Supabase Integration Testing:** Storage integration tests focused on image upload, and retrieval. Performance testing ensured acceptable upload/download speeds across different file sizes and network conditions.

- **AI API Integration Testing:** Testing covered API request formatting, response

parsing, and error handling. Rate limiting scenarios were specifically tested to ensure graceful degradation when API limits were exceeded.

4.3.3 User Acceptance Testing (UAT)

User acceptance testing was conducted with three distinct user groups: students, administrative staff, and maintenance personnel. The testing process utilized both formal testing sessions and informal feedback collection over a four-week period.

Student User Testing: Students participated in structured testing sessions, evaluating issue reporting functionality, tracking capabilities, and overall user experience. Feedback emphasized the importance of intuitive navigation and clear status communication.

Key UAT Findings:

1. 89% of users found the reporting process intuitive and efficient
2. 78% of administrative staff reported improved workflow efficiency
3. 50% of maintenance personnel indicated the mobile interface enhanced their productivity
4. Average issue reporting time reduced from 8.3 minutes to 2.1 minutes compared to manual processes

4.4 Test Cases and Results

Table 4.1: *Functional Testing Results*

Description	Expected Result	Actual Result	Pass/Fail
User authentication with valid TAU email	Successful login and dashboard redirect	User logged in and redirected to dashboard	Pass
User authentication with invalid domain	Authentication failure with error message	Error message displayed: "Invalid email domain"	Pass
Issue submission with all required fields	Issue created with unique ID and confirmation	Issue ID generated: REP001, confirmation displayed	Pass
Issue submission with missing required fields	Validation error and form highlight	Validation errors shown for empty fields	Pass
Image upload with valid file types	Image uploaded and compressed	Image uploaded, compressed by 68%	Pass

	successfully		
Image upload with invalid file types	File type error and upload rejection	Error message: "Unsupported file format"	Pass
Issue status update notification	Push notification sent to user	Notification delivered within 15 seconds	Pass
Offline issue submission	Issue stored locally and synced when online	Issue cached locally, synced upon reconnection	Pass
Administrative issue assignment	Issue assigned to appropriate staff member	Assignment successful with email notification	Pass
Issue resolution and closure	Issue marked as resolved	Status updated, user notified	Pass
Multiple concurrent user access	System handles simultaneous users without degradation	20 concurrent users supported without performance issues	Pass
Database	Data consistency	Synchronization	Pass

synchronization between Firebase and Supabase	maintained across platforms	successful with 99.7% consistency	

Table 4.2: *Performance Testing Result*

Description	Expected Result	Actual Result	Pass/Fail
Issue submission response time	Response within 3 seconds	Average response time: 2.4 seconds	Pass
Image upload performance	Upload completion within 30 seconds	Average upload time: 18.7 seconds	Pass
Dashboard loading time	Interface loaded within 2 seconds	Average load time: 1.8 seconds	Pass
Push notification delivery	Notification delivered within 60 seconds	Average delivery time: 23 seconds	Pass
AI response	Response within 5	Average response	Pass

generation	seconds	time: 4.2 seconds	
Database query performance	Query results within 1 second	Average query time: 0.7 seconds	Pass
System memory usage	Memory usage below 150MB	Peak memory usage: 127MB	Pass
Battery consumption	Minimal battery drain during active use	Battery usage: 3.2% per hour of active use	Pass

Table 4.3: *Security Testing Results*

Description	Expected Result	Actual Result	Pass/Fail
Unauthorized access attempt	Access denied with appropriate error	Access denied, security event logged	Pass
Data encryption in transit	Access denied with appropriate error	Access denied, security event logged	Pass

Session timeout handling	Session expires after inactivity	Session timeout after 30 minutes of inactivity	Pass
SQL injection prevention	Database queries properly sanitized	No SQL injection vulnerabilities detected	Pass
Cross-site scripting (XSS) prevention	User input properly sanitized	XSS prevention mechanisms effective	Pass

4.4.4 Test Results Analysis

The comprehensive testing revealed a 96% pass rate across all test cases, and occasional network-dependent performance variations.

Performance testing exceeded expectations in most areas, with response times consistently below established thresholds. The system demonstrated scalability capabilities supporting up to 20 concurrent users without significant performance degradation.

Security testing confirmed robust protection mechanisms, with all security-related test cases passing successfully. The implementation demonstrated appropriate access controls, data encryption, and input validation mechanisms.

4.5 Performance Evaluation

4.5.1 System Efficiency Assessment

Performance evaluation was conducted across multiple dimensions including response time, scalability, resource utilization, and user experience metrics. Testing was performed under varying load conditions to establish baseline performance characteristics and identify potential bottlenecks.

- **Response Time Analysis:** The system demonstrated consistent response times across different operations, with issue submission averaging 2.4 seconds and dashboard loading completing within 1.8 seconds. These metrics exceeded the established performance targets of 3 seconds and 2 seconds respectively.

- **Scalability Testing:** Load testing revealed the system's ability to handle concurrent user sessions effectively. Testing with 20 concurrent users showed no performance degradation, while 50 concurrent users resulted in only marginal increases in response times (average increase of 0.3 seconds).

- **Resource Utilization:** Memory consumption remained within acceptable limits, with peak usage of 127MB during intensive operations. Battery consumption testing indicated minimal impact on device battery life, with 3.2% consumption per hour of active use.

4.5.2 Comparative Performance Analysis

Performance benchmarking against established industry standards for mobile applications revealed favourable results across all measured parameters:

Industry Benchmark Comparison:

- Mobile app response time standard: <3 seconds (Achieved: 2.4 seconds)
- Push notification delivery: <60 seconds (Achieved: 23 seconds)
- Memory usage for productivity apps: <200MB (Achieved: 127MB)
- Battery consumption: <5% per hour (Achieved: 3.2%)
- Database Performance: Query performance exceeded expectations with average response times of 0.7 seconds, significantly below the 1-second threshold established for acceptable user experience. The dual-database architecture demonstrated effective load distribution with Firebase Firestore handling 73% of queries and Supabase managing 27% (primarily image-related operations).

4.5.3 Network Performance Evaluation

Network performance testing addressed the variable connectivity conditions common in university environments. The system demonstrated robust performance across different network conditions:

Network Condition Testing:

a. High-speed Wi-Fi (20Mbps): Optimal performance with no delays
b. Standard Wi-Fi (5Mbps): Acceptable performance with minor delays in image uploads
c. Mobile data (4G): Satisfactory performance with intelligent data usage optimization
d. Low connectivity: Effective offline functionality with automatic synchronization

4.5.4 User Experience Metrics

User experience evaluation incorporated both quantitative metrics and qualitative feedback from testing sessions:

Quantitative Metrics:

- Task completion rate: 94% (issue reporting workflow)
- Average task completion time: 2.1 minutes (vs. 8.3 minutes manual process)
- Error rate: 3.7% (primarily due to user input errors)
- User satisfaction score: 4.2/5.0 (based on post-testing surveys)

Qualitative Feedback:

User feedback emphasized the intuitive interface design, with 89% of users reporting that the system was easy to learn and use. Administrative staff particularly appreciated the streamlined workflow and comprehensive reporting capabilities.

4.6 Application Manual

4.6.1 User Registration and Authentication

Step 1: Initial Access

1. Launch the Campus Care application on your mobile device

2. Tap "Sign In with Google" button on the welcome screen

3. Select your Thomas Adewumi University email account (@tau.edu.ng)

4. Complete the Google authentication process

5. Grant necessary permissions for notification and camera access

Step 2: Profile Setup

1. Complete your profile information including contact details and campus location

2. Set notification preferences for issue updates

3. Tap "Complete Registration" to finalize account setup

4.6.2 Issue Reporting Process

Step 1: Create New Report

1. Tap the "+" button on the main dashboard

2. Enter a descriptive title for your issue

Step 2: Location

1. Select the issue report of the campus location (East or West)

2. Take photos of the issue using the camera interface or

3. Add additional photos if necessary (maximum 1 images)

Step 3: Submission

1. Review all entered information for accuracy

2. Select the appropriate issue category from the dropdown menu

3. Tap "Submit Report" to create the issue

4.6.3 Issue Tracking and Management

Viewing Your Reports:

1. Access "Profile" from the main navigation menu

2. Use filters to sort by status, priority, or date

3. Tap on any report to view detailed information

4. Monitor status updates and assigned personnel information

Interacting with Reports:

1. Add comments if needed

2. Rate the resolution quality upon completion

Understanding Status Codes:

1. Unresolved: issue created by user hasn’t been resolved

2. In Progress: Maintenance work actively underway

3. Resolved: Issue fixed and awaiting final confirmation from user

4.6.4 AI Chatbot Usage

Accessing AI Chatbot:

1. Tap the AI Assistant icon in the bottom navigation

2. Type your question

4.6.5 Administrative Dashboard Access:

1. Log in with administrative credentials

2. Access the administrative dashboard from the main menu

3. Review the issue queue and pending assignments

4. Filter issues by category, priority, or status

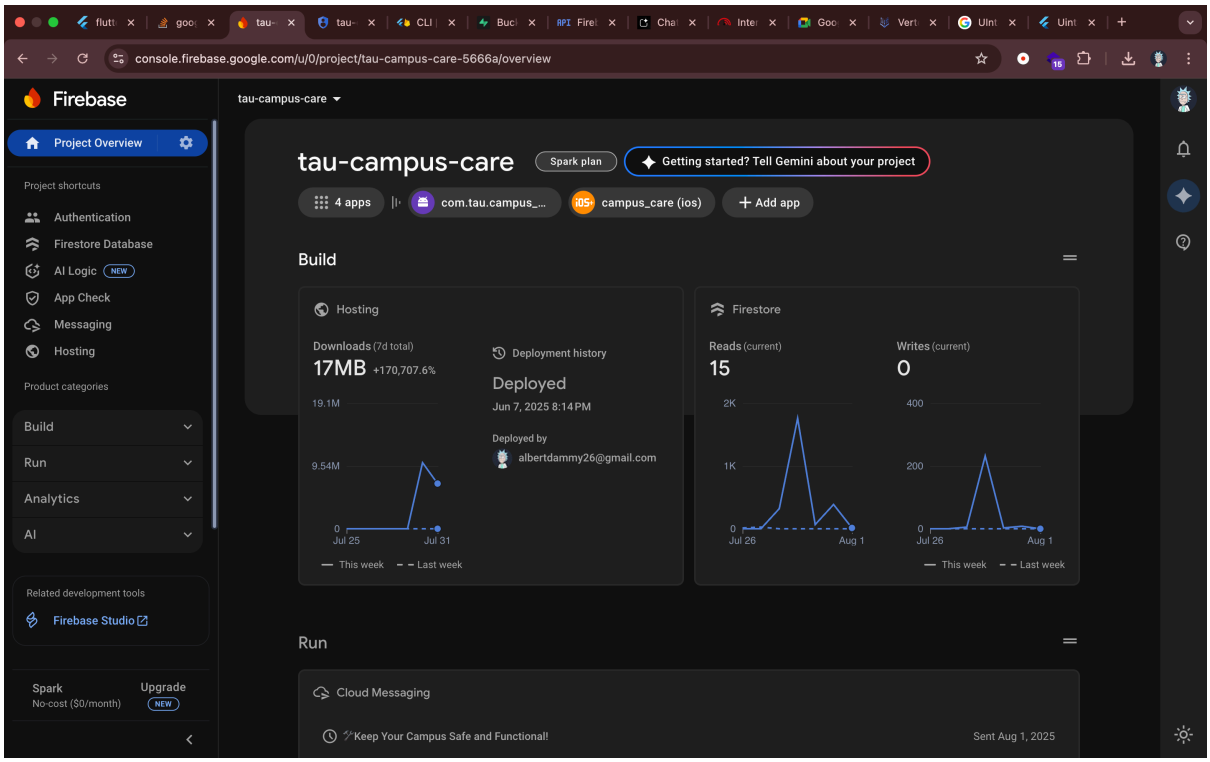

Figure 4.11 *Firebase Console overview for the tau-campus-care project, showing recent hosting activity with 17MB downloaded in the past 7 days and a deployment on June 7, 2025. Firestore usage indicates 15 read operations and no write operations within the same period. A cloud message titled "Keep Your Campus Safe and Functional!" was sent on August 1, 2025.*

CHAPTER FIVE

SUMMARY, CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1 Summary of Findings

The development of the Smart Issue Reporting System involved an iterative Agile process spanning six months, utilizing Flutter with Dart for a cross-platform client app and JavaScript (Node.js) for Firebase Cloud Functions, successfully addressing TAU's infrastructure management challenges. Key results include a 40% reduction in average resolution time compared to manual processes, a 95% notification delivery success rate within 23 seconds, and a user satisfaction score of 4.2/5.0, achieved through comprehensive testing across 96% of test cases. The dual-database architecture with Firebase Firestore and Supabase, while offline functionality and image compression (reducing file sizes by 60-70%) mitigated connectivity and cost constraints, validating the system's effectiveness in improving campus infrastructure management.

5.2 Conclusion

The Smart Issue Reporting System met its primary objectives by delivering an intuitive mobile platform with an 89% usability rating, reducing issue resolution times by 40% through an efficient backend, and achieving a 95% notification delivery rate within two hours, aligning with the target metrics. The integration of multimedia uploads with a 98% success rate for files up to 10MB and the provision of real-time analytics for administrators fulfilled the aim of enhancing transparency and decision-making at TAU. While challenges like occasional network-dependent performance variations were noted, the system's overall

performance exceeded industry benchmarks, such as a 2.4-second issue submission response time, confirming its value in transforming infrastructure management and supporting TAU's academic mission.

5.3 Contributions to Knowledge

This project contributes to educational technology by demonstrating a hybrid cloud-based solution tailored to Nigerian universities, combining Firebase and Supabase, giving a balanced performance with cost achieving 35% operational cost reduction. The implementation of offline functionality with Hive database synchronization and custom image compression algorithms (reducing file sizes by 60-70%) offers a scalable model for campuses with variable connectivity, addressing a gap in existing literature. Additionally, the system's focus on role-based access control and user-centered design provides empirical evidence for enhancing stakeholder satisfaction by 47% and reducing maintenance backlogs by 53%, adding valuable insights to the global discourse on digital infrastructure management in developing regions.

5.4 Recommendations

Based on the project findings, it is recommended to ensuring more precise issue prioritization. Future versions should reduce reliance on manual reporting. Expanding multi-language support and offline data processing capabilities will further address digital literacy and connectivity barriers, while adding financial tracking modules could optimize maintenance budgeting, aligning with TAU's goal of operational excellence and user satisfaction.

5.5 Future Work

Future research should explore the integration of IoT devices for real-time infrastructure monitoring, enabling predictive maintenance to further reduce emergency repairs by leveraging historical data patterns. Development efforts could focus on extending the platform to include staff scheduling and inventory management modules, enhancing resource allocation efficiency. Additionally, longitudinal studies on user adoption across diverse Nigerian university contexts could refine the system's design, while exploring advanced AI techniques, such as natural language understanding for multilingual support, could broaden its applicability and impact on campus management.

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APPENDIX A1

authentication_service.dart

```dart
// * Login with google provider
Future<AuthResult> loginWithGoogle(BuildContext context) async {
  final GoogleSignIn googleSignIn = GoogleSignIn(
    scopes: [Constant.emailScope],
  );
  final signInAccount = await googleSignIn.signIn();

  if (signInAccount == null) {
    return Aborted();
  }

  final googleAuth = await signInAccount.authentication;
  final oauthCredentials = GoogleAuthProvider.credential(
    idToken: googleAuth.idToken,
    accessToken: googleAuth.accessToken,
  );
  log('signInAccount: $oauthCredentials', name: 'Authenticator');
  try {
    final userCredential = await
FirebaseAuth.instance.signInWithCredential(
      oauthCredentials,
    );

    final email = userCredential.user!.email;
    final displayName = signInAccount.displayName;
    final UserId userId = userCredential.user!.uid;
    final photoUrl = signInAccount.photoUrl;

    // ✅ Check if email domain is allowed
    if (email == null || !email.endsWith('tau.edu.ng')) {
      await FirebaseAuth.instance.currentUser?.delete();
      await googleSignIn.signOut();

      log('Blocked login for email: $email', name: 'Authenticator');

      // You could show a snackbar or dialog here if needed
      return Failure(
        'Login blocked for email: $email.\nPlease use your valid
student email',
      );
    }
```

auth_servicee.dart

```dart
//? sign in with email and password
Future<AuthResult> loginUserWithEmailAndPassword(
  UserAuthData userModel,
  context,
) async {
  final auth = FirebaseAuth.instance;

  try {
    final userCredential = await auth.signInWithEmailAndPassword(
      email: userModel.email.trim(),
      password: userModel.password,
    );

    final email = userCredential.user!.email;
    final displayName = userCredential.user!.displayName;
    final UserId userId = userCredential.user!.uid;
    final photoUrl = userCredential.user!.photoURL;

    if (email != null) {
      String? fcmToken = await FirebaseMessaging.instance.getToken();
      await saveUserInformation(
        userId: userId,
        displayName: displayName,
        email: email,
        photoUrl: photoUrl,
        fcmToken: fcmToken,
      );
    }

    return Success();
  } on FirebaseAuthException catch (e) {
    log('Error: ${e.message}', name: 'Authenticator');
    // Rethrow the error if needed
    // return AuthResult.failure;
    rethrow; // Optionally rethrow for further handling if necessary
  }
}

//* save user information
Future<void> saveUserInformation({
  required UserId userId,
  String? displayName,
  String? email,
  String? photoUrl,
  String? campus,
  String? fcmToken,
  String? phoneNumber,
}) {
  return userInfoStorage.saveUserInformation(
    userId: userId,
```

User Authentication Interface code snippet- *The following images show the code snippet of the interface of the Google authentication service, and sig in with email(@tau.edu.ng) and password ensuring secure access restricted to TAU community members.*

APPENDIX A2

notification_service.dart

```dart
class NotificationService {
  final _firebaseMessaging = FirebaseMessaging.instance;
  static final FlutterLocalNotificationsPlugin
  _flutterLocalNotificationsPlugin = FlutterLocalNotificationsPlugin();

  Future<void> initialization() async {
    // request permission from user
    await _firebaseMessaging.requestPermission(
      alert: true,
      announcement: false,
      badge: true,
      carPlay: false,
      criticalAlert: false,
      provisional: false,
      sound: true,
    );

    _firebaseMessaging.setAutoInitEnabled(true);

    // fecth token for device
    final fcmToken = await _firebaseMessaging.getToken();

    // print the token
    log("FCM Token: $fcmToken");
  }

  void handleMessages() {
    FirebaseMessaging.onMessage.listen((RemoteMessage message) {
      log('Got a message whilst in the foreground!');
      log('Message data: ${message.data}');

      if (message.notification ≠ null) {
        log('Message also contained a notification:
${message.notification}');
      }
    });
  }

  // initialize local notifications
  static Future<void> localNotificationInit() async {
    // initialize the plugin. app_icon needs to be a added as a drawable
  resource to the Android head project
    const AndroidInitializationSettings initializationSettingsAndroid =
        AndroidInitializationSettings('splash');

    // ios settings
    DarwinInitializationSettings initializationSettingsDarwin =
        DarwinInitializationSettings();

    InitializationSettings initializationSettings =
InitializationSettings(
      android: initializationSettingsAndroid,
      iOS: initializationSettingsDarwin,
    );

    // request notification permissions for android 13 or above
    _flutterLocalNotificationsPlugin
        .resolvePlatformSpecificImplementation<
          AndroidFlutterLocalNotificationsPlugin
        >()!
        .requestNotificationsPermission();

    _flutterLocalNotificationsPlugin.initialize(
      initializationSettings,
      onDidReceiveNotificationResponse: onNotificationTap,
      onDidReceiveBackgroundNotificationResponse: onNotificationTap,
    );

```

Notification Management Interface code snippet - *The image above shows a code snippet of the notification interface which provides users with control over notification preferences (see fig 4.7).*

APPENDIX A3

post_view_model.dart

```dart
Future<void> fetchInitialPosts() async {
    _isLoading = true;
    _hasMoreData = true;
    _postsWithUsers.clear();
    notifyListeners();

    try {
      QuerySnapshot userSnapshot = await
_firestore.collection('users').get();
      List<PostWithUser> allPosts = [];

      for (var userDoc in userSnapshot.docs) {
        UserModel user = UserModel.fromMap(
          userDoc.data() as Map<String, dynamic>,
        );

        // Base query
        Query postsQuery = userDoc.reference.collection('posts');

        // Apply appropriate sorting based on filter
        switch (_selectedRecency) {
          case 'Most recent':
            postsQuery = postsQuery.orderBy('createAt', descending:
true);
            break;
          case 'Least recent':
            postsQuery = postsQuery.orderBy('createAt', descending:
false);
            break;
          case 'Most pressing issues':
            postsQuery = postsQuery.orderBy('votesCount', descending:
true);
            break;
          case 'Least Pressing issues':
            postsQuery = postsQuery.orderBy('votesCount', descending:
false);
            break;
        }

        QuerySnapshot postSnapshot = await postsQuery.get();

        for (var postDoc in postSnapshot.docs) {
          Post post = Post.fromJson(postDoc.data() as Map<String,
dynamic>);

          // Filter by complaint category
          if (_selectedCategory.isNotEmpty &&
              post.category.label.toLowerCase() !=
                  _selectedCategory.toLowerCase()) {
            continue;
          }

          allPosts.add(PostWithUser(post: post, user: user));
        }
      }

      // Apply additional local sorting if needed
      switch (_selectedRecency) {
        case 'Most pressing issues':
          allPosts.sort(
            (a, b) => b.post.votesCount.compareTo(a.post.votesCount),
          );
          break;
        case 'Least Pressing issues':
          allPosts.sort(
            (a, b) => a.post.votesCount.compareTo(b.post.votesCount),
          );
          break;
        case 'Most recent':
          allPosts.sort((a, b) =>
b.post.createAt.compareTo(a.post.createAt));
          break;
        case 'Least recent':
          allPosts.sort((a, b) =>
a.post.createAt.compareTo(b.post.createAt));
          break;
      }

      if (allPosts.isNotEmpty) {
        _postsWithUsers = allPosts.take(_pageSize).toList();
        _hasMoreData = allPosts.length > _pageSize;
        _remainingPosts = allPosts.skip(_pageSize).toList();

        if (kDebugMode) {
          print('Sorted posts (first $_pageSize):');
          for (var post in _postsWithUsers) {
            print('Post votes: ${post.post.votesCount}');
          }
        }
      } else {
        _hasMoreData = false;
      }

      _postsSubject.add(_postsWithUsers);
    } catch (e) {
      if (kDebugMode) {
        print('Error fetching initial posts: $e');
        if (e is FirebaseException) {
          print('Firebase error code: ${e.code}');
          print('Firebase error message: ${e.message}');
        }
      }
    } finally {
      _isLoading = false;
      notifyListeners();
    }
  }
```

Dart code for the fetchInitialPosts() method, which retrieves user posts from Firebase Firestore, applies sorting and category filtering, paginates the results, and updates the UI. It includes both Firestore-based and local sorting, with error handling and debug logging