



BUSINESS, DESIGN, AND TECHNOLOGY PERSPECTIVES

# MOBILE APPLICATION DEVELOPMENT

# SESSION A - INTRODUCTION

## Agenda:

- Introduction
  - Demo
  - Course Objectives
  - Course Structure
- Why Mobile Apps?
  - Major Technologies
  - Components of a Mobile App
- Frontend Structure
  - Frontend Architecture
  - Build Our First Page
  - Next Session

# INTRODUCTION

- Tooraj Helmi
  - I am also a trojan! I have engineering degrees in CS, EE, IE, and MBA from USC
  - I also have a PhD Econ from Suffolk University in Boston
  - I have 17 years of experience in software development, architecture, and management
  - I am an entrepreneur, have founded one startups and have advised a few startups

# COURSE STRUCTURE



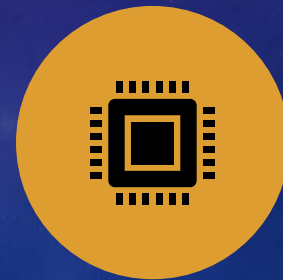
TAs, Graders, Office Hours



Class Format (Lecture,  
Classroom Discussions,  
Semester Overview,  
Ask Questions!



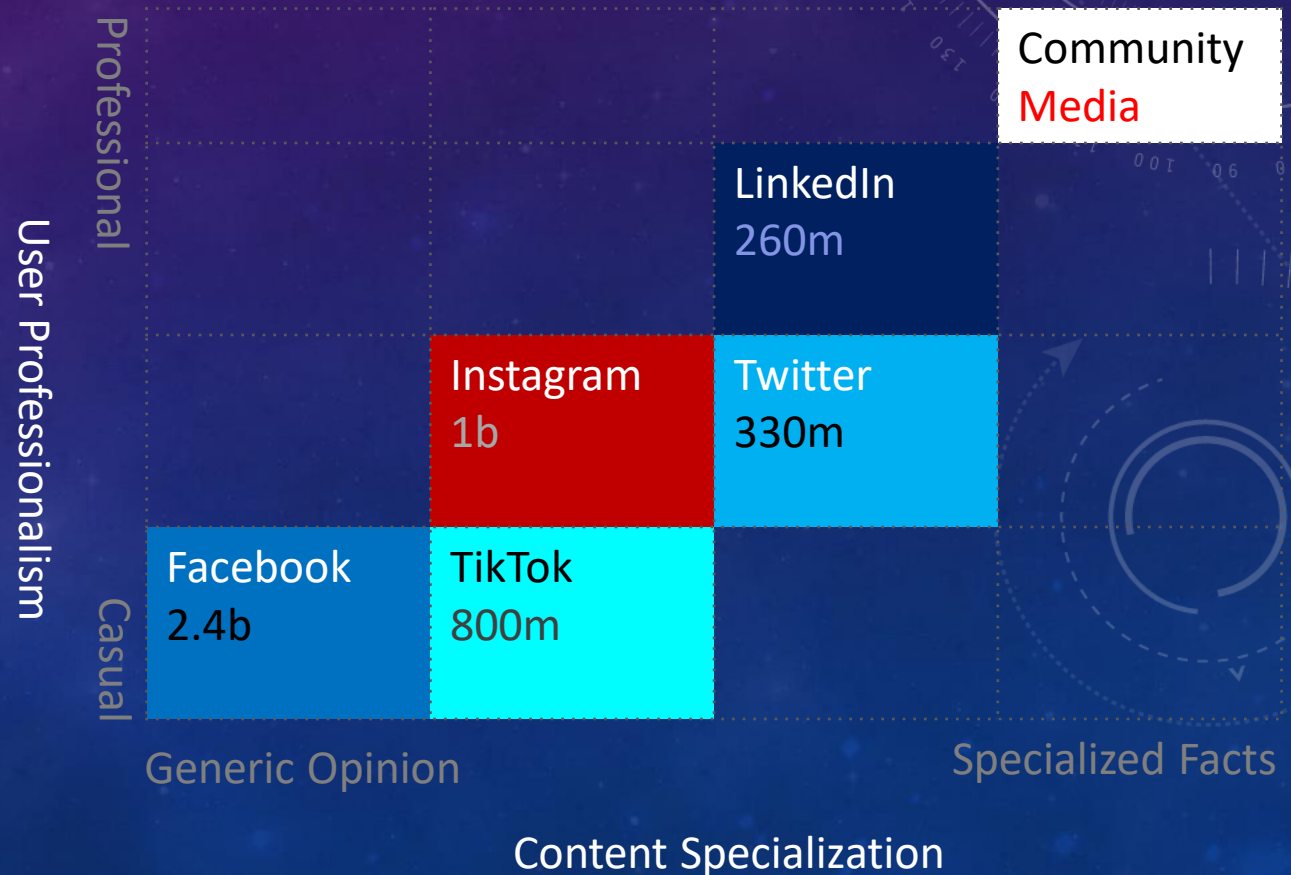
Grading (Quizzes, Exams,  
Homework, Project)



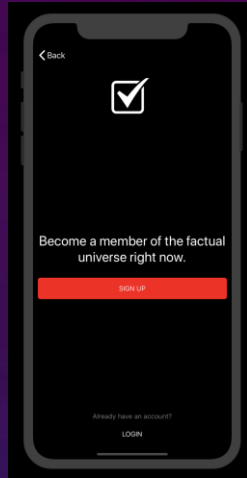
Requirements (Pre-reqs,  
You need to have a Mac)

# THE CLASSROOM PROJECT, COMMUNITY MEDIA: A COMMUNITY-BASED SOCIAL PLATFORM

- Problem: As a professional, I'd like to engage with other people to share ideas, have a dialogue on specific topics. Existing social media does not allow that.
- Solution: Community-media, people join specific communities like medicine, engineering, politics, art, ... and share and see content specific to those communities.

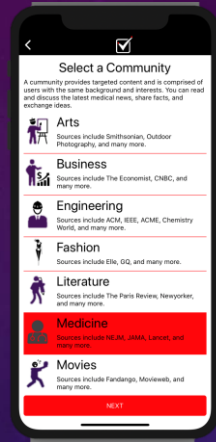


# COMMUNITY-MEDIA WIREFRAMES



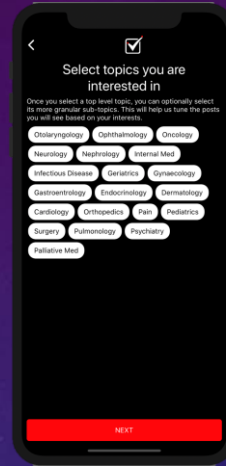
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Users can sign up by providing a valid phone number.



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They can join one of the communities like medicine, technology, arts, politics, ...



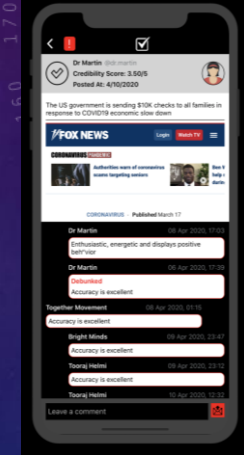
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They can select a topics with that community



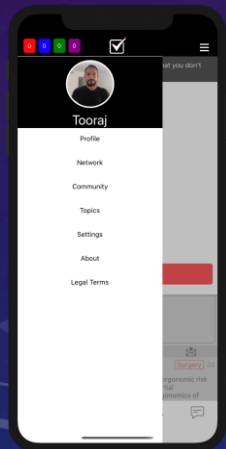
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Once logged in they can see facts & opinion make by their connections or based on topics



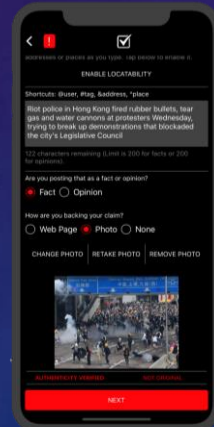
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They can interact by poster by leaving a comment, debunk, share, or vouch for the post



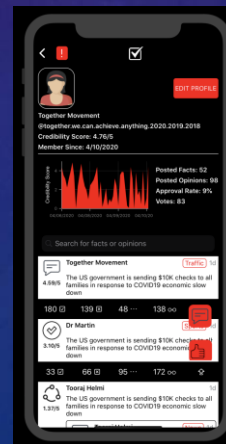
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Menu allows user to update profile, connections, settings, and interested topics



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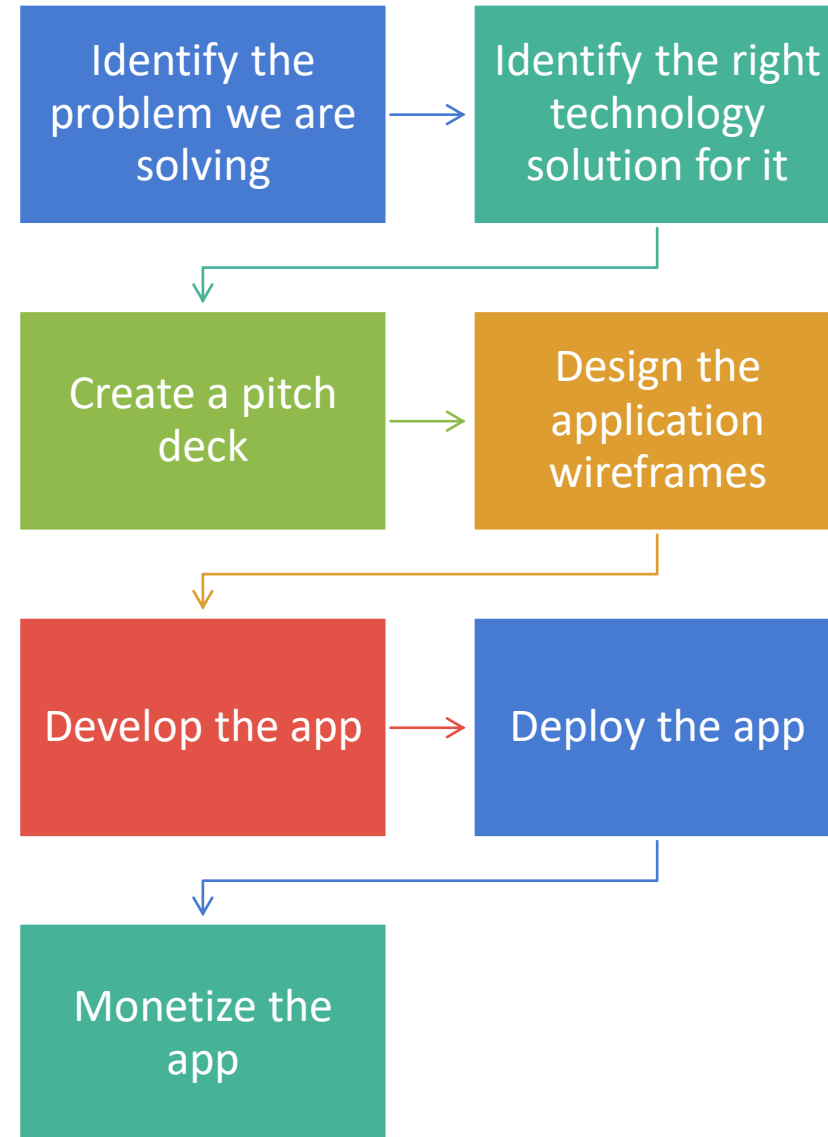
A claim can include specific auto-suggested tags based on users, addresses, places, and topics. It can be backed by a web or a photo source. The source is fact-checked right-away using AI and if passes will go through a voting process.



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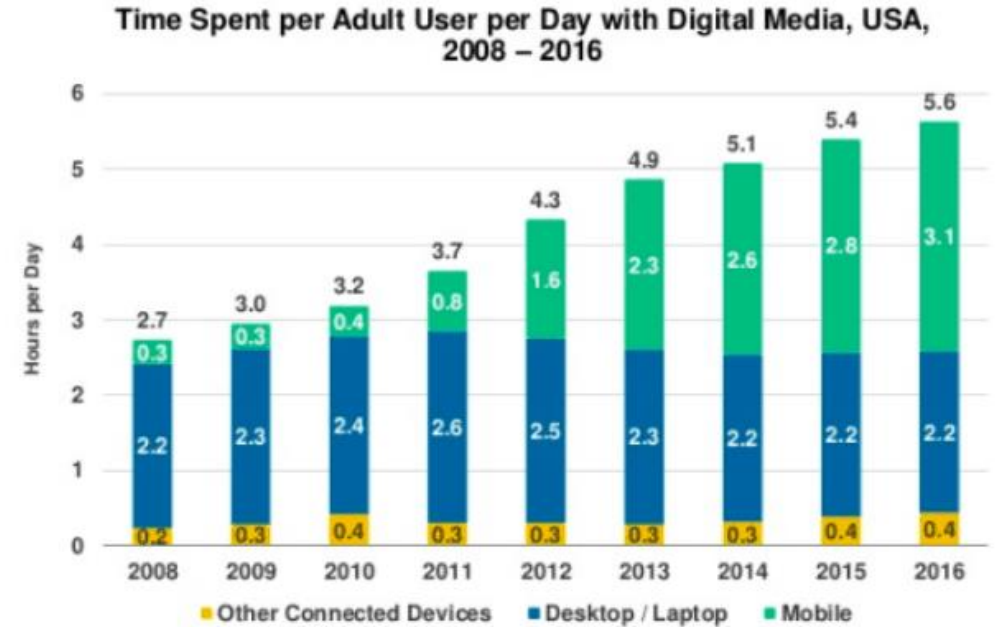
Users can see their posted facts and opinions on the home page. They can also see how their credibility score has changed over time

# COURSE OBJECTIVES



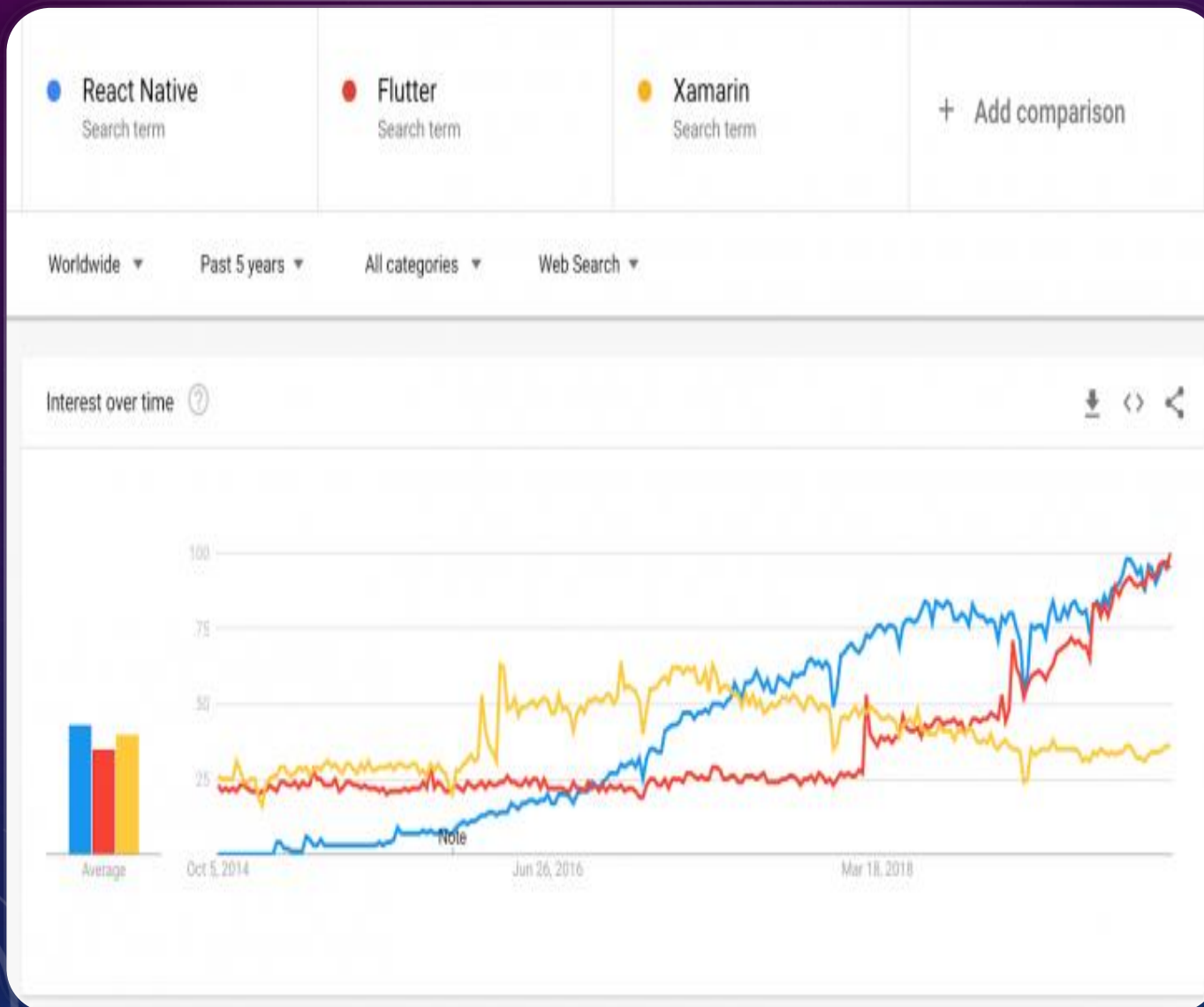
# WHY DO WE CREATE MOBILE APPS?

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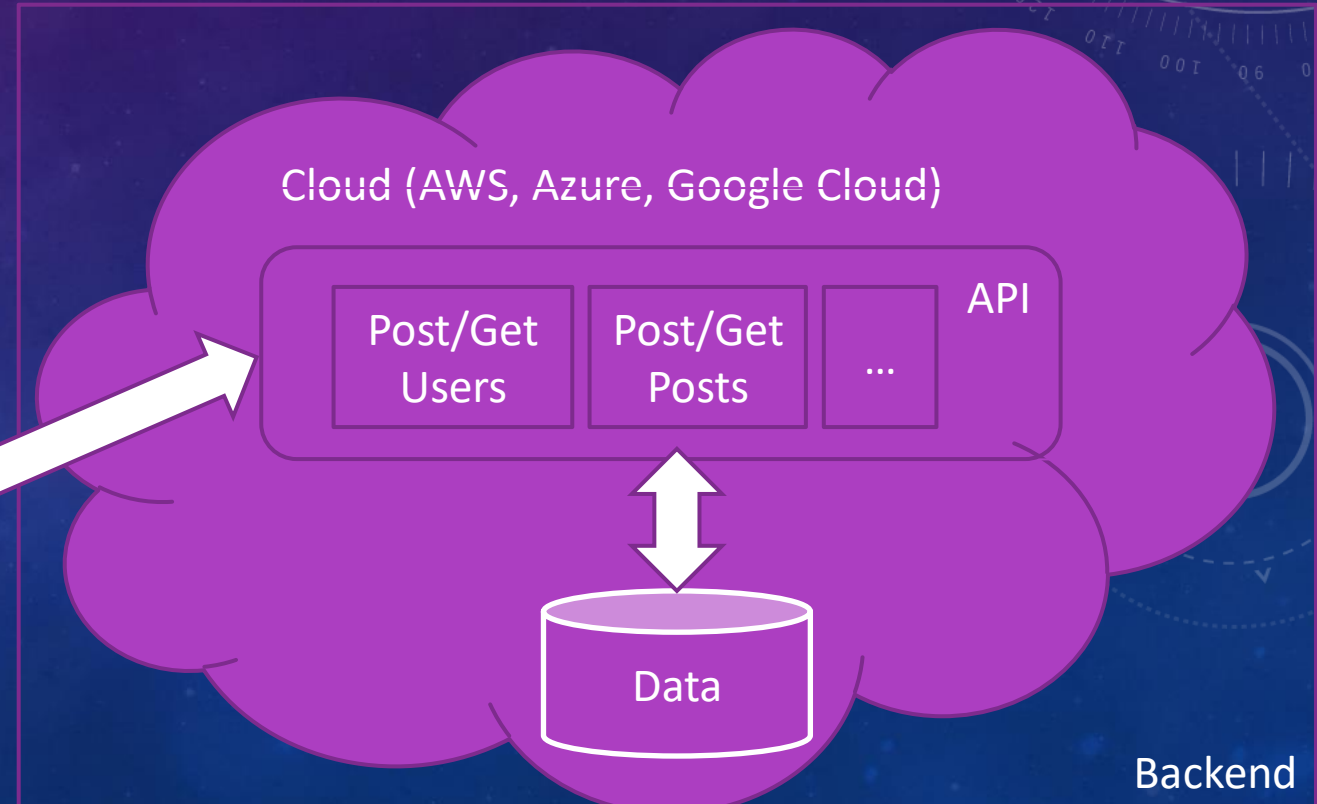
# MAJOR TECHNOLOGIES USED FOR MOBILE DEVELOPMENT



- Native
  - iOS
  - Android
- Cross-platform
  - Xamarin (Microsoft), 2013
    - Easy to pickup, mature tooling, abundant 3<sup>rd</sup> party component providers, one language for everything (C#)
    - UPS, Alaska Airlines
  - React Native (Facebook), 2015
    - Is preferred if web is also required, requires different skillsets (JavaScript, CSS, Node.js), better integration with design tools like Sketch
    - Facebook, Instagram
  - Flutter (Google), 2017
    - Newer technology, less resources available on the web
    - Square, New York Times

# DIFFERENT COMPONENTS OF AN END-TO-END MOBILE APPLICATION

What is it?	Where is it?
Front-end <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Interaction Logic</li><li>- User Interface (UI)</li></ul>	Mobile
Back-end <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Databases</li><li>- API</li></ul>	Cloud



# APP FRONT- END STRUCTURE

Shared Code 98%

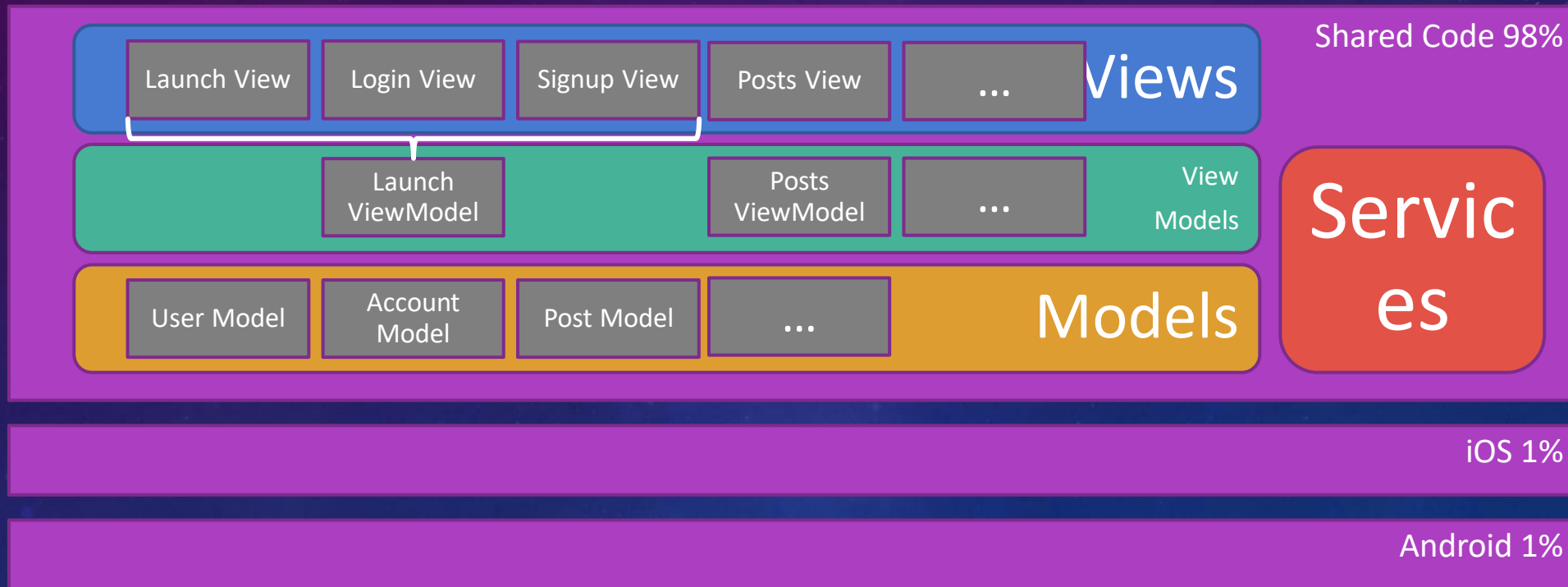


iOS 1%




Android 1%

# MVVM (MODEL-VIEW-VIEW MODEL) ARCHITECTURE



# LET'S BUILD THE FIRST SCREEN



Login to engage with  
your community

**LOGIN**

Can't remember your username or password?  
[GET HELP](#)

Classroom Coding A.1  
Build the UI in Visual Studio  
(30 Min)

# PREP FOR THE NEXT SESSION

## Join teams (4 person per team)

- TA will randomly select the team you will be part of

## Homework: Select a problem you want to solve as a team

- Meet with your team and identify a problem you want to solve
- Write your problem – one paragraph
- What is your solution to that problem – one paragraph
- Do some research on what other solution exists that are like yours. Try to list 3 or more players with their website. Explain how your solution is different from those.
- Submit a page that includes all the information above
- Be ready to explain your problem for the entire class

## Next session

- Pitch-deck structure
- Walk you through how to create wireframes for your app.
- More frontend topics: Defining UI Interactions, Creating ViewModels & Models

# SESSION C2

BUILDING THE APP - FRONT-END FOUNDATIONS, UI INTERACTIONS

# BUSINESS PITCH DECK



Problem (Pain)



Solution



Market size and segmentation: # of users, \$ user spending, demographic



Go-to-market strategy: How to reach out to our customers and convince them to start using our solution



Competitive Analysis



Business model: how do we make money



Founding team: why this team is the perfect team to make this happen? How the team members know each other



Financial prediction: Revenue, profit, LTV, CAC, ...



# SESSION C3

BUILDING THE APP - FRONT-END ADVANCED TOPICS: STYLING, NAVIGATION, ASYNCHRONOUS TASKS

# PHASES IN APP DEVELOPMENT



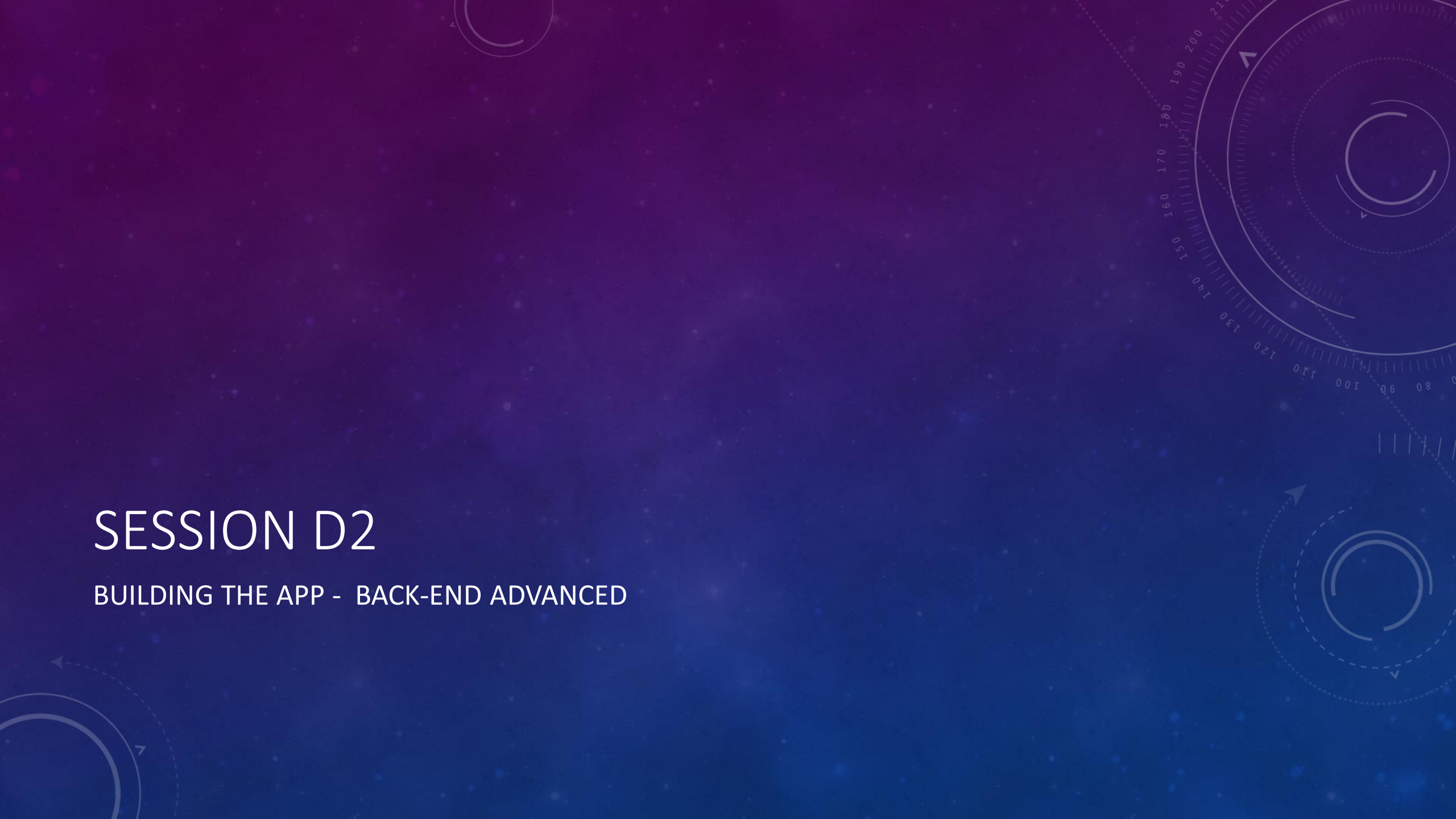
# SESSION D1

BUILDING THE APP - BACK-END FOUNDATIONS



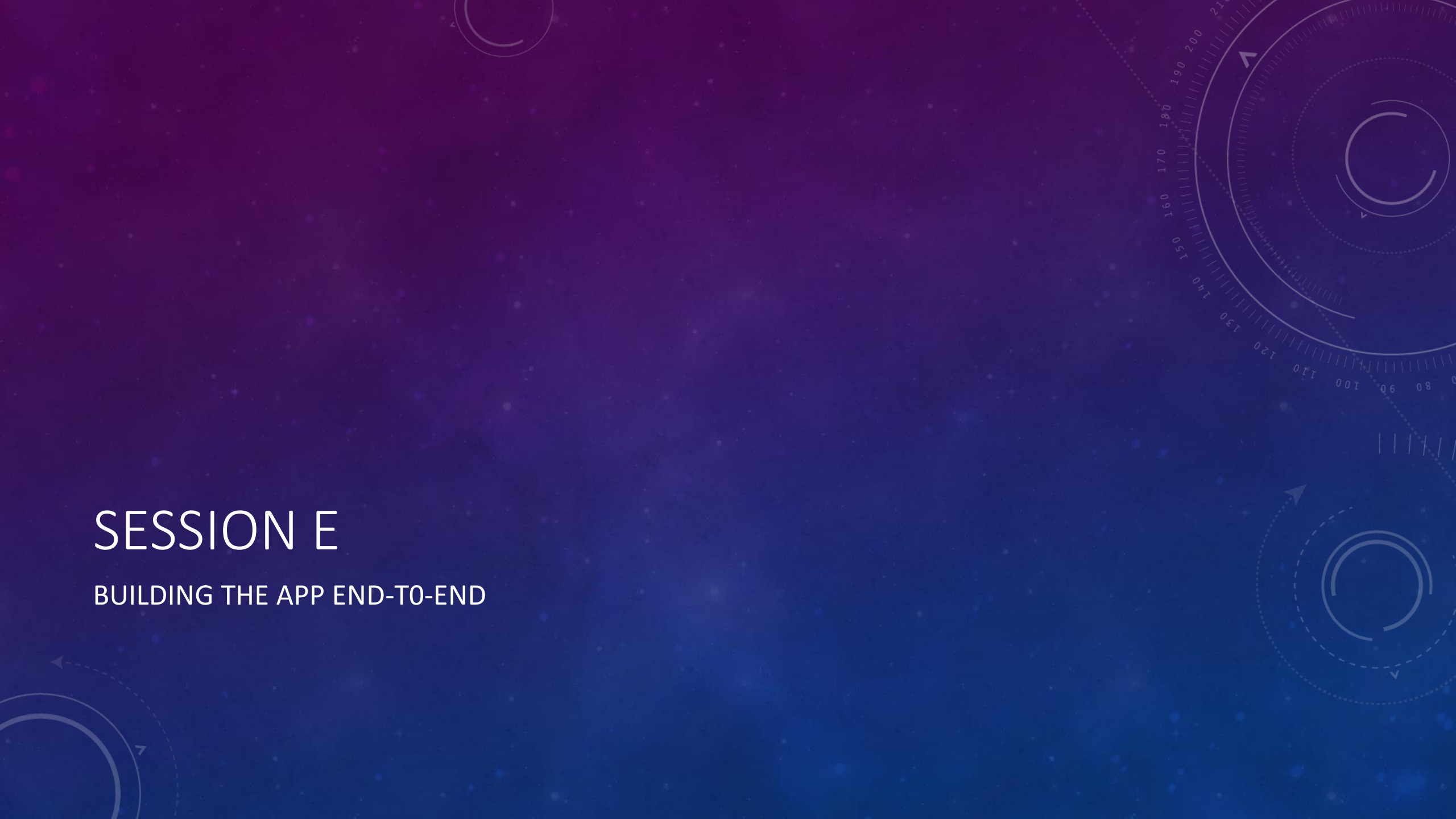
# SESSION D2

BUILDING THE APP - BACK-END ADVANCED



# SESSION E

BUILDING THE APP END-TO-END



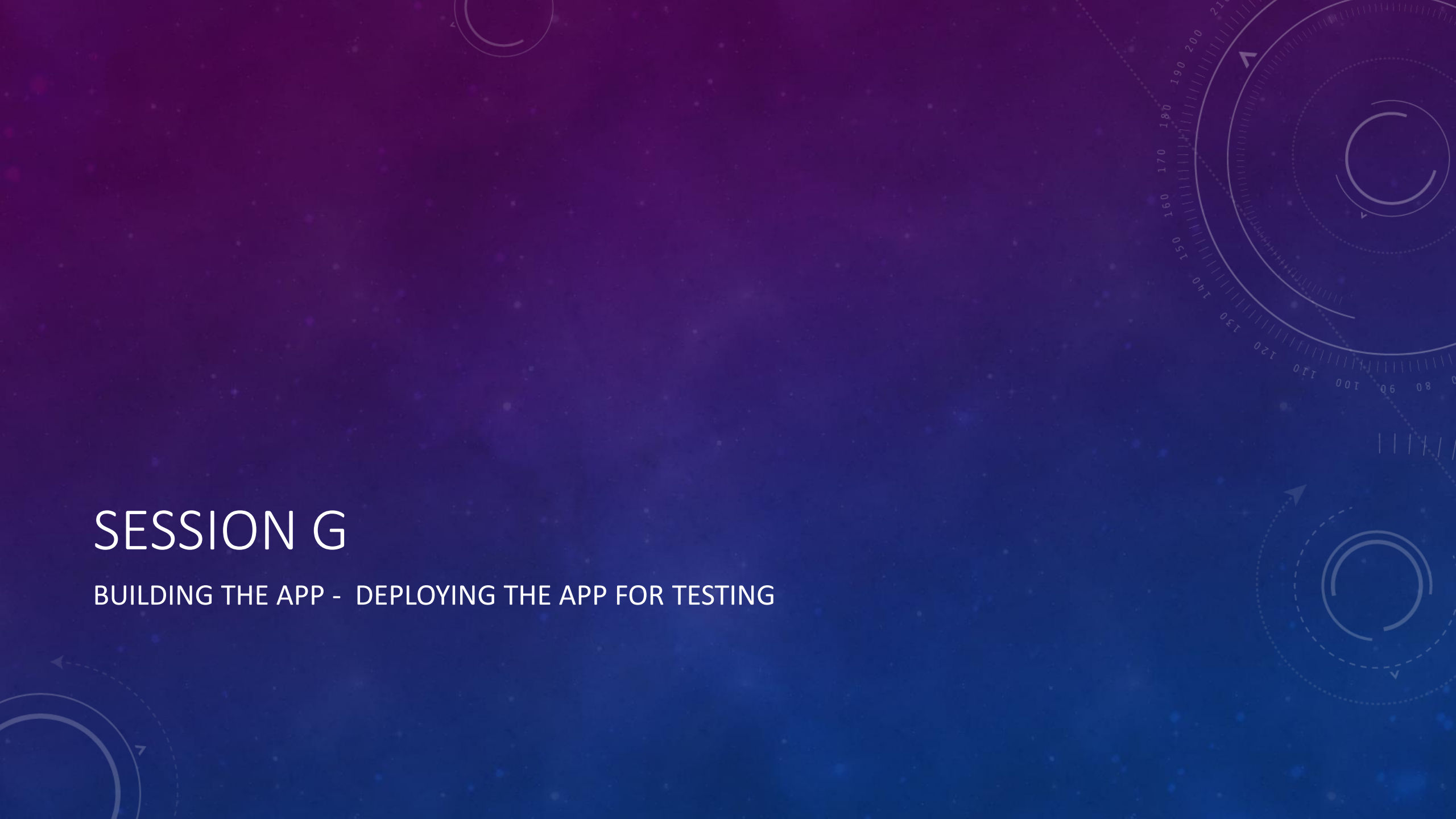
# SESSION F

BUILDING THE APP - DEBUGGING TECHNIQUES



# SESSION G

BUILDING THE APP - DEPLOYING THE APP FOR TESTING



# SESSION H

BUILDING THE APP - PUBLISHING THE APP

