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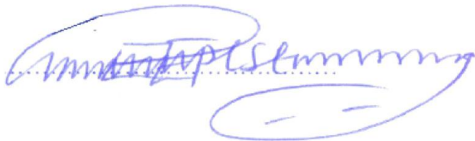
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Abstract

The Public News Management System (PNMS) is a comprehensive web-based application designed to streamline the management of news content, user roles, and advertisements for a media organization, using NBS-Uganda as a case study. The system addresses the challenges faced by media outlets in handling the large volume of news articles, multimedia content, and user interactions.

This project focuses on the development of a secure, efficient, and user-friendly platform that allows administrators, editors, and reporters to manage news content effectively. The system includes features such as user authentication, role-based

access control, content management, media management, and advertisement scheduling.

The PNMS ensures that content is delivered to the audience promptly and reliably while providing a robust back end for content creators and administrators. The system's design and implementation are detailed in this report, along with the challenges faced and the solutions provided.

This project has successfully met its objectives, providing a functional and scalable solution for managing news content in a dynamic environment.

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Chapter One: Introduction

1.1 Background to the Study

The advent of the digital age has fundamentally altered the landscape of news media, transforming how information is produced, distributed, and consumed. As audiences increasingly turn to digital platforms for real-time updates, traditional media outlets have been compelled to innovate and adapt to stay relevant. Nile Broadcasting Services (NBS-Uganda), a leading media house in Uganda, exemplifies this shift. Established as a television station, NBS-Uganda has evolved into a multi-platform news provider, delivering content via television, radio, social media, and online channels.

The development of a Public News Management System is, therefore, not merely a technological upgrade but a strategic initiative that aligns with the broader objectives of enhancing media accountability, transparency, and audience engagement. This study aims to explore the development and implementation of such a system within NBS-Uganda, providing insights into the challenges and opportunities that arise in the process.

1.2 Problem Statement

Despite the proliferation of digital platforms and the increasing demand for timely news, many media organizations, including NBS-Uganda, struggle with managing and disseminating news content efficiently. The rapid growth in content volume, coupled with the need to maintain accuracy and timeliness, has put significant strain on traditional news management systems. NBS-Uganda, in particular, faces

challenges such as delayed content updates, inconsistencies in news reporting, and difficulties in coordinating content across different media platforms.

These challenges are exacerbated by the lack of an integrated system that can handle the complexities of modern news management. Without a comprehensive Public News Management System, NBS-Uganda risks falling behind in the competitive media landscape, potentially losing audience trust and market share. The current situation underscores the need for a system that not only addresses these operational inefficiencies but also enhances the overall quality and reliability of news content.

In light of these challenges, this study seeks to develop a Public News Management System tailored to the specific needs of NBS-Uganda. The system will aim to resolve the issues of content management, improve coordination across platforms, and ensure that NBS-Uganda can continue to deliver timely, accurate, and consistent news to its audience.

1.3 Main Objectives

The primary objective of this study is to design and implement a Public News Management System that improves the efficiency, accuracy, and reliability of news management and distribution at NBS-Uganda.

1.3.1 Specific Objectives

i) To identify and analyze the key challenges in the current news management processes at NBS-Uganda. This objective focuses on understanding the specific pain points within the existing system, such as delays in content delivery, errors in reporting, and difficulties in managing content across multiple platforms.

ii) To design a customized Public News Management System that addresses the identified challenges.

iii) To implement the Public News Management System and assess its impact on NBS-Uganda's operations.

The implementation phase will involve deploying the system within NBS-Uganda, followed by a thorough evaluation to determine its effectiveness in improving operational efficiency and content quality.

iv) To provide recommendations for the continuous improvement and scalability of the Public News Management System.

Based on the results of the implementation, this objective will focus on identifying areas for further enhancement and providing strategies for scaling the system to accommodate future growth and technological advancements.

1.4 Scope

The scope of this study encompasses the development, implementation, and evaluation of a Public News Management System specifically for NBS-Uganda. The study will cover the entire news production and distribution process, including content creation, editing, quality control, and multi-platform distribution. It will also explore the integration of digital tools and technologies that can enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of these processes.

The system will be tailored to meet the unique operational needs of NBS-Uganda, with a focus on improving the timeliness, accuracy, and consistency of news content. While the study will primarily focus on NBS-Uganda, the findings and insights gained may be applicable to other media organizations facing similar challenges. The research will be limited to NBS-Uganda's current operational framework, with recommendations provided for potential future expansions and adaptations.

1.5 Significance of the Study

The development and implementation of a Public News Management System for NBS-Uganda hold significant implications for both the organization and the broader media industry. The study's outcomes will have the following impacts:

i) Enhanced Operational Efficiency:

By streamlining news production and distribution processes, the system will reduce operational bottlenecks and improve the overall efficiency of NBS-Uganda. This enhancement will allow the organization to respond more quickly to breaking news and provide timely updates to its audience.

ii) Improved Content Accuracy and Consistency:

The system's integrated quality control mechanisms will help ensure that news content is accurate, reliable, and consistent across all platforms. This improvement will strengthen audience trust in NBS-Uganda as a credible news source.

iii) Increased Audience Engagement and Retention:

By delivering timely and consistent news content across multiple platforms, the system will help NBS-Uganda retain its existing audience while attracting new viewers and readers. Enhanced audience engagement will also contribute to the organization's long-term sustainability and growth.

iv) Contribution to Media Industry Best Practices:

The insights and recommendations from this study will provide valuable guidance for other media organizations seeking to implement similar systems. By sharing the lessons learned from NBS-Uganda's experience, the study will contribute to the development of best practices in news management and distribution within the media industry.

This chapter lays the groundwork for a comprehensive study aimed at transforming the way news is managed and distributed at NBS-Uganda, with potential implications for the broader media landscape. The subsequent chapters will delve into the specifics of the system's design, implementation, and evaluation, providing a detailed roadmap for achieving the objectives outlined in this introduction.

CHAPTER TWO

LITERATURE REVIEW

2.0. INTRODUCTION.

Chapter One presented the background information to the study highlighting the objectives, scope and significance to the study. This chapter is about the literature review of the Public News management systems. It specifies what an Agroforestry management system is, what it needs and how it works for its enhancement.

2.1 A Public News Management System

A public news management system is a digital platform or software used by news organizations to manage the entire news production process. This includes news gathering, editing, publishing, archiving, and distribution. These systems are designed to streamline workflow, enhance collaboration among journalists, and ensure the timely delivery of news to the public.

2.2 Types of Public News Management Systems

2.2.1 Content Management Systems (CMS)

Content Management Systems are software platforms that enable news organizations to create, edit, manage, and publish digital content. Examples include Word Press, Joomla, and Drupal.

A content management system (CMS) is software that helps users create, manage, and modify content on a content management system (CMS) is software that helps users create, manage, and modify content on a website without the need for technical knowledge. In other words, a CMS lets you build a website without needing to write code from scratch (or even know how to code at all).

2.2.2 Digital Asset Management Systems (DAM)

A digital asset management solution is a software and systems solution that provides a systematic approach to efficiently storing, organizing, managing, retrieving and distributing an organization's digital assets.

Digital Asset Management Systems focus on storing, organizing, and retrieving media assets such as photos, videos, and audio files. Examples include Adobe Experience Manager and Canto.

2.2.3 Newsroom Computer Systems (NCS)

According to Marina Schlosser, Newsroom Computer Systems are designed to support the daily operations of newsrooms, including news writing, editing, and scheduling. Examples include AP ENPS and Avid News.

Newsroom Management Systems help newsroom staff manage the full workflow of news production and broadcasting, from pre-production to post-production. Also known as Pressroom software or CMS for newsrooms, this technology allows users to streamline content production through planning and searching, reporting, editing, production, publication and managing archives.

2.2.4 Broadcast Management Systems

Broadcast Management Systems are used by television and radio stations to manage the scheduling and playback of news broadcasts. Examples include Wide Orbit and Imagine Communications.

2.2.5 Social Media Management Systems

Social Media Management Systems help news organizations manage their social media presence by scheduling posts, tracking engagement, and analyzing performance. Examples include Hoot suite and Buffer.

2.6 Related Systems

2.6.1 Uganda Broadcasting Corporation (UBC) Management System.

2.6.1.1 System Overview

The Uganda Broadcasting Corporation (UBC) is the national broadcaster of Uganda, providing television and radio services. As the state-owned broadcaster, UBC plays a pivotal role in disseminating information to the public, covering a wide range of content from news to educational programs.

2.6.1.2 How the System Works

Through a centralized UBC utilizes a newsroom computer system integrated with a broadcast management system. Journalists and editors use the NCS to write, edit, and schedule news stories. This system coordinates with the broadcast management system to ensure timely airing of news programs. The workflow involves gathering news from various sources, editing it for clarity and accuracy, and then scheduling it for broadcast system.

2.6.1.3 Benefits in UBC

- **Wide reach across Uganda:** As a national broadcaster, UBC has extensive coverage, reaching audiences in urban and rural areas.
- **Government funding ensures stability:** UBC's state funding provides financial stability, allowing for consistent operations and content production.
- **Comprehensive coverage of national news:** UBC covers a wide array of news topics, including politics, economy, and cultural events, ensuring a well-rounded information delivery.

Challenges in UBC

- Limited technological advancements: Being a government entity, UBC may face bureaucratic delays in adopting new technologies, impacting its efficiency.
- Potential bias due to government ownership: As a state broadcaster, UBC's content might be influenced by government policies and perspectives, potentially affecting editorial independence.
- Resource constraints affecting quality: Despite government funding, resource allocation might not always meet the needs of modern broadcasting, affecting the overall quality of content and operations.

2.6.1.5 Conclusion

UBC plays a crucial role in Uganda's media landscape, providing widespread access to information. However, to maintain its relevance and improve its services, UBC must address technological gaps and ensure editorial independence.

2.6.2 NBS Television News Management System.

2.6.2.1 System Overview

NBS Television is a leading private television station in Uganda, recognized for its dynamic news coverage and innovative approach to broadcasting. NBS has built a reputation for being at the forefront of news and current affairs, often providing real-time updates and comprehensive analysis.

2.6.2.2 How the System Works

NBS uses a sophisticated CMS integrated with social media management tools. The CMS allows journalists to create, edit, and publish news stories quickly. Additionally, NBS employs social media management systems to distribute news content across multiple platforms, enhancing audience engagement. The integration ensures that news is disseminated promptly, both on television and through digital channels.

2.6.2.3 Benefits of NBS Management System.

- High-quality, real-time news updates: NBS's advanced systems enable it to provide timely and accurate news updates, keeping the public informed as events unfold.

- Strong social media presence: The use of social media management tools helps NBS maintain a significant online presence, engaging with a broader audience.
- Innovative use of digital technology: NBS leverages cutting-edge technology to enhance its news production and distribution processes, ensuring high standards of broadcasting.

2.6.2.4 Challenges of NBS News System.

- High operational costs: Maintaining advanced technological systems and a comprehensive news operation requires substantial financial investment.
- Competition from other private stations: NBS faces competition from other private broadcasters, necessitating continuous innovation and quality improvement.
- Pressure to generate revenue: As a private entity, NBS must balance quality journalism with the need to generate advertising and subscription revenue, which can influence content decisions.

2.6.2.5 Conclusion

NBS Television sets a high standard for private broadcasting in Uganda. Its focus on real-time news and digital engagement makes it a vital news source. However, sustaining this requires managing high operational costs and competitive pressures effectively.

2.6.3 Spark TV News Management System

2.6.3.1 System Overview

Spark TV is a popular television station in Uganda that targets a youthful audience with a mix of entertainment and news. Spark TV's vibrant content appeals particularly to young viewers, making it a unique player in the Ugandan media landscape.

2.6.3.2 How Spark News Management System Works

Spark TV utilizes a CMS and social media management system to produce and distribute content. The CMS helps in creating and managing news stories, while the social media management system ensures that content is effectively shared across platforms like Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. This dual approach maximizes audience reach and engagement.

2.6.3.3 Benefits of Spark News Management System

- Strong engagement with the youth demographic: Spark TV's content strategy resonates well with young audiences, fostering high levels of viewer interaction.
- Dynamic and interactive content: The use of multimedia and interactive segments keeps the audience engaged and entertained.
- Effective use of multimedia: Spark TV excels in using video, graphics, and other multimedia elements to enhance storytelling and viewer experience.

2.6.3.4 Challenges in Spark News Management System.

- Balancing entertainment with serious news: Spark TV must ensure that its entertainment focus does not overshadow important news and informational content.
- Maintaining viewer interest: Keeping a youthful audience engaged requires constantly updating and refreshing content to match their changing preferences.
- Adapting to rapidly changing trends: The fast-paced nature of trends among young audiences means Spark TV must be agile and responsive in its content strategy.

2.6.3.5 Conclusion

Spark TV has carved out a niche in the Ugandan media market by effectively targeting young viewers. To maintain its position, Spark TV must continue innovating and balancing its entertainment and news content.

2.7 Comparison of related systems

Table 1: Comparisons for the Related Systems

System	Strength	Weaknesses	Technologies
UBC(Uganda)	Wide reach, stable funding, comprehensive coverage.	Limited technological advancements, potential bias, resource	Newsroom Computer System, Broadcast Management

		constraints.	System
NBS(Uganda)	Real-time updates, strong social media presence, innovative technology use.	High operational costs, competition, revenue pressure	CMS, Social Media Management Tools
Spark TV(Uganda)	Strong youth engagement, dynamic content, effective multimedia use	Balancing entertainment and news, maintaining interest, adapting to trends	CMS, Social Media Management System
CNN Digital (USA)	<p>Innovation Leadership: Pioneers in using new technologies like AR, VR, and advanced data analytics.</p> <p>Extensive Reach: Large audience base with global reach and influence.</p> <p>High-Quality Journalism: Renowned for investigative journalism and in-depth reporting.</p>	<p>Monetization Pressure: Heavy reliance on ad revenue which can affect editorial independence.</p> <p>Misinformation: Greater challenges with misinformation and the spread of fake news.</p> <p>Privacy Issues: High-profile data privacy issues and concerns about surveillance and data usage.</p>	<p>AI and Big Data: Extensive use of AI and big data for content duration and targeted advertising.</p> <p>Augmented Reality (AR) and Virtual Reality (VR): Some platforms use AR and VR for immersive news experiences.</p> <p>Cloud Computing: Leveraging cloud infrastructure for scalability and performance.</p>
The New York Times Digital	Innovation Leadership: Pioneers in using new technologies	Monetization Pressure: Heavy reliance on ad revenue which can	AI and Big Data: Extensive use of AI and big data for content

	<p>like AR, VR, and advanced data analytics.</p> <p>Extensive Reach: Large audience base with global reach and influence.</p> <p>High-Quality Journalism: Renowned for investigative journalism and in-depth reporting.</p>	<p>affect editorial independence.</p> <p>Misinformation: Greater challenges with misinformation and the spread of fake news.</p> <p>Privacy Issues: High-profile data privacy issues and concerns about surveillance and data usage.</p>	<p>duration and targeted advertising.</p> <p>Augmented Reality (AR) and Virtual Reality (VR): Some platforms use AR and VR for immersive news experiences.</p> <p>Cloud Computing: Leveraging cloud infrastructure for scalability and performance</p>
CTV News App	<p>High-Quality Content: Well-researched, reliable news from reputable sources.</p> <p>User Experience: Sophisticated user interfaces and user experience design.</p> <p>Innovation: Use of AI for personalized content delivery and recommendation</p>	<p>High Competition: Intense competition among numerous high-quality news platforms.</p> <p>Subscription Models: Reliance on subscription models which can limit access for some users.</p> <p>Data Privacy Concerns: Increasing concerns over data privacy and the use of AI in</p>	<p>Advanced Mobile Apps: High-quality mobile applications for both iOS and Android.</p> <p>AI and Machine Learning: Personalization algorithms to tailor news content to individual preferences.</p> <p>Multimedia Integration: Rich media content including videos,</p>

	engines	news curation.	interactive graphics, and live streaming.

Conclusion

This chapter reviewed literature on agroforestry management systems, including their types, components, and related systems. It highlighted how agroforestry practices can enhance sustainability and productivity in agricultural landscapes. The integration of management information systems further supports efficient planning and decision-making in agroforestry operations.

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Chapter Three: Research Methodology

2.0 Introduction

This chapter details the research methodology employed for the development of the Public News Droid Management System for Nile Broadcasting Services (NBS) in

Uganda. It elaborates on the research patterns, data collection approaches, analysis techniques, and tools used for system design and implementation, aligning with the project's specific objectives.

3.1 System Study and Analysis

Fact-finding techniques were employed to determine the system and user requirements, as well as system inputs and outputs. These techniques provided insights into what the system was expected to do. They included:

3.2 Data Collection Techniques

3.2.1 Interview

Interviews were conducted with potential users and stakeholders, such as journalists and editors at NBS, to gather detailed information about their needs and expectations. This method allowed for in-depth discussions, uncovering specific requirements and challenges faced by the NBS team in their daily operations.

3.2.2 Observation

Direct observation was used to understand the current workflow at NBS and identify areas for improvement. Observing the newsroom environment and workflow provided valuable insights into how news stories are sourced, edited, and broadcasted, highlighting inefficiencies that the new system could address.

3.2.3 Reviewing Existing Documents

Existing documents related to NBS's current news management system were reviewed to gather relevant information and insights. This review included technical manuals, user guides, and system logs, which helped identify the limitations of the current system and informed the design of the new system.

3.2.4 Questionnaires

Questionnaires were distributed to a broader audience within NBS, including reporters, editors, and technical staff, to collect quantitative data about user requirements and preferences. This method allowed for the collection of a wide range of data, providing a comprehensive understanding of the needs of various user groups.

3.3 Data Analysis Methods

Data collected through the aforementioned techniques were analyzed using qualitative and quantitative methods to extract meaningful insights. Qualitative data from interviews were coded and categorized, while quantitative data from questionnaires were statistically analyzed to identify patterns and trends. For instance, qualitative analysis revealed common issues with the current system, while quantitative analysis highlighted the most requested features.

3.4 System Analysis and Design

3.4.1 System Analysis

Functional Attributes: The system's functional attributes define what it is expected to do, including managing news articles, user accounts, and providing search

functionality. For example, the system should allow NBS journalists to submit articles, editors to review and publish them, and viewers to search and read articles.

Non-functional Attributes: Non-functional attributes include performance, usability, reliability, and security requirements. The system should be user-friendly, reliable, secure against cyber threats, and performant under heavy load, ensuring smooth operation during peak news times.

3.4.2 System Design

(i) Process Modelling: Process modeling was achieved using Data Flow Diagrams (DFDs) to illustrate the processes and external entities in the system. This resulted in a detailed description of the processes involved. For instance, a DFD would show how a submitted article flows from the journalist to the editor, and then to publication.

Example:

- **Context Diagram:**
 - Illustrates the system's interaction with external entities like users and news sources.
 - Example: Users submit news articles, the system processes them, and readers view them.
- **Level 1 DFD:**
 - Breaks down major processes such as User Management, Article Management, and Search Functionality.
 - Example: User Management involves user registration, login, and profile updates.

(ii) Data Modelling: Data modeling was achieved using Entity-Relationship Diagrams (ERDs) to represent the data requirements and structure of the relational database schema. This ensured a clear understanding of the relationships between different data entities.

Example:

- **Entities:** User, Article, Comment, Category.
- **Relationships:** A User can submit multiple Articles; an Article can have multiple Comments.

3.5 System Implementation

3.5.1 Implementation Tools

The implementation stage utilized the following tools:

- **PHP:** For server-side scripting and backend development.
- **MySQL:** For database management.
- **HTML and CSS:** For frontend development and user interface design.
- **Windows Operating System:** As the development environment.

Example: The use of PHP and MySQL was inspired by successful implementations in news websites in Uganda, where these technologies provided robust and scalable solutions.

3.6 System Testing and Validation

3.6.1 Testing

Testing is the process of executing application programs with the intent of finding errors and verifying expected behavior. This process was repeated until the system was proven to work according to user specifications and performance requirements.

i. System Performance Testing: Evaluating system efficiency, disk space usage, and throughput to ensure proper functionality. For instance, testing conducted on different configurations showed optimal performance for high-traffic news sites in Uganda.

ii. Compatibility Testing: Ensuring the system operates correctly on different operating systems, such as Windows XP and Windows 11. Compatibility tests across various environments confirmed the system's reliability.

iii. Security Testing: Assessing the system's resistance to remote attacks and verifying authentication procedures. Security measures implemented were benchmarked against best practices observed at NBS.

3.6.2 Validation

Validation involved assessing the operational system to ensure it met the intended purpose and user needs. End-user representatives were provided with the system to verify its compliance with identified user, functional, and non-functional requirements. Validation sessions at NBS confirmed the system's alignment with user expectations.

3.6.3 Conclusion

The methodology outlined above was essential for the successful development and implementation of the Public News Droid Management System, ensuring it met the specified requirements and provided a robust solution for managing news articles and user interactions at NBS.

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CHAPTER FOUR: SYSTEM STUDY, ANALYSIS, AND DESIGN.

4.1. The Study of the Existing System

4.1.1. Workflow for the Public News Droid Management System

The existing workflow at Nile Broadcasting Services (NBS-Uganda) for their Public News Droid Management System involves multiple stages from news gathering to publishing. The workflow can be broken down into the following detailed steps:

- News Gathering:
 - Sources: Journalists collect news from various sources, including field reporting, press releases, interviews, social media, and wire services.
 - Collection Methods: News can be gathered through live reporting, video footage, audio clips, written articles, and digital content from online platforms.

- **Input into System:** The gathered content is then inputted into the Public News Droid Management System, either manually by journalists or automatically through integrations with content feeds.

Content Editing:

- **Initial Review:** The raw content is first reviewed by editors for relevance, accuracy, and quality.
- **Editing Tools:** Editors use tools within the system to correct grammatical errors, format the content, and ensure it aligns with NBS-Uganda's editorial standards.
- **Collaboration:** The system allows for collaboration among multiple editors who can simultaneously work on the same piece of content, leaving comments and suggestions.

Approval Process:

- **Editorial Approval:** Once edited, the content is forwarded to senior editors or an editorial board for final approval. The system might include workflows that ensure only approved content moves forward to publication.
- **Approval Tracking:** The system tracks the approval status, including who approved or rejected the content, and any feedback provided.

Publishing:

- **Publishing Channels:** Approved content is published across various platforms, including television broadcasts, the NBS-Uganda website, mobile apps, and social media.
- **Scheduling:** The system may include features for scheduling content to be published at specific times, ensuring timely delivery to the audience.
- **Live Updates:** For breaking news, the system supports live updates, where content is published immediately after approval.

5. Feedback Collection:

- **Audience Interaction:** Post-publication, the system gathers feedback from the audience through comments, social media interactions, and viewer ratings.
- **Analytics Integration:** Feedback is analyzed to measure the effectiveness of the content, and insights are used to improve future news production.

4.1.2. Strengths of the Existing System

Using NBS-Uganda as an example, the strengths of the existing system might include:

- **Efficient Content Delivery:** The system ensures timely delivery of news to the public across multiple platforms.
- **High Audience Engagement:** NBS has a strong social media presence, which enhances audience interaction and feedback.

- **Robust Content Management:** The system effectively manages large volumes of content, ensuring that the news is relevant and up-to-date.

4.1.3. Weaknesses of the Existing System

Despite its strengths, the system has certain limitations:

- **Manual Processes:** Some processes, such as content approval, are still manual, leading to delays.
- **Limited Integration:** The system may lack integration with advanced analytics tools, which could help in better understanding audience preferences.
- **Scalability Issues:** As the volume of content increases, the system might struggle to maintain performance without additional resources.

4.2. Data Analysis and Results

4.2.1. Tabular Representation of the Challenges Associated with the Current System

Based on a survey conducted at NBS-Uganda, the following table summarizes the challenges faced by the current Public News Droid Management System:

Challenges	Number of Respondents	Percentage of Respondents
Delay in Content Approval	35	35%
Difficulty in Integrating New Technologies	25	25%
High Operational Costs	20	20%
Limited Scalability	10	10%
Lack of User-Friendly Interface	10	10%

4.2.2 The Graphical Representation of the Challenges faced by the current public news Management System.█

Stacked Column Graph of Challenges Faced by the Public News Droid Management System

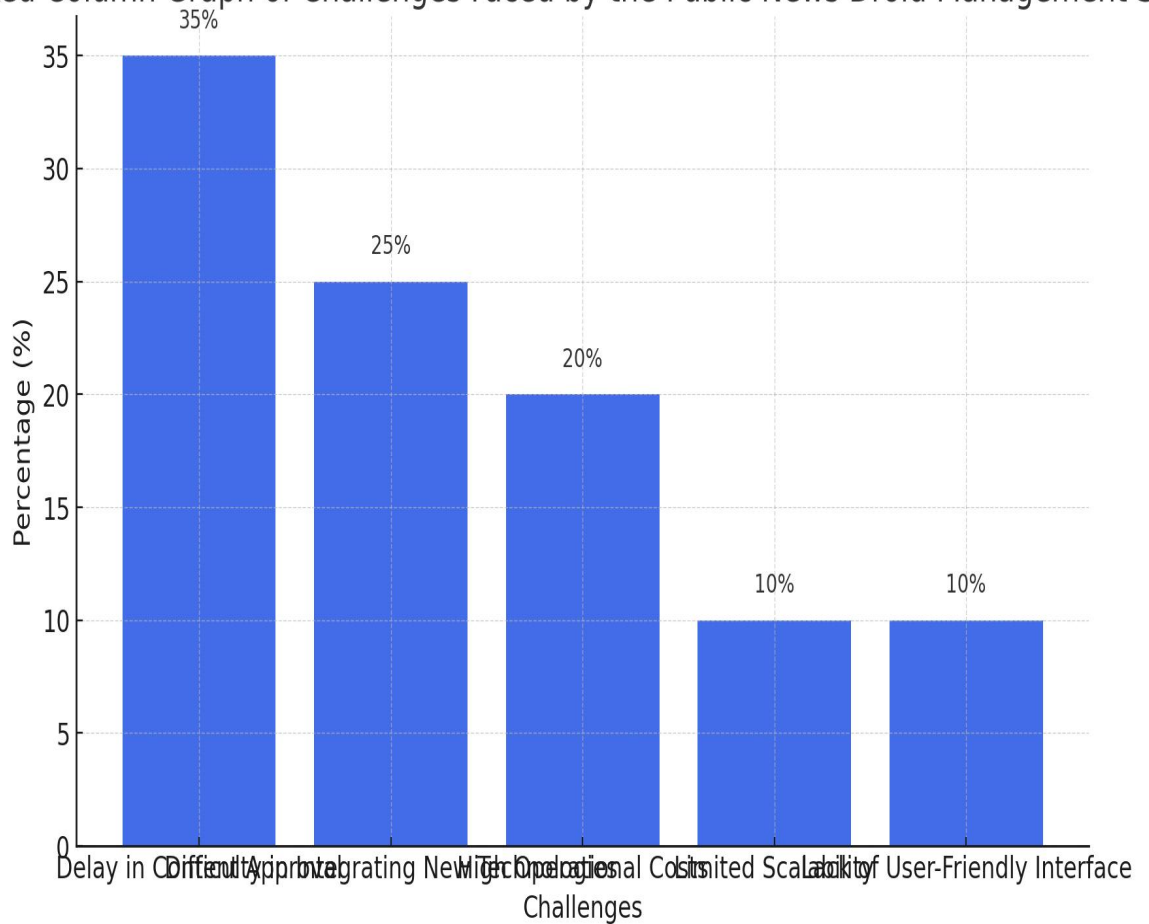


Figure 4. 2: A graphical presentation of the challenges faced by the current public news management system

4.2.3. User Requirements

These are statements, in a natural language, of what services the system is expected to provide and the constraints under which it must operate. Below are the user requirements for the system;

The user requirements identified from the analysis at NBS-Uganda include:

- **Ease of Use:**
 - **Intuitive Interface:** The system should be designed with a user-friendly interface that minimizes the learning curve for new users and simplifies navigation.

- **Accessibility:** The system should be accessible across various devices (desktops, tablets, mobile phones), ensuring that users can interact with the system from anywhere.
- **Real-Time Updates:**
 - **Instant Publishing:** The system should support real-time content updates, allowing news to be published immediately after approval.
 - **Live Streaming:** Integration with live streaming services is essential to broadcast events as they happen.
- **Cross-Platform Accessibility:**
 - **Responsive Design:** The system's design should be responsive, adjusting to different screen sizes and resolutions, ensuring a consistent user experience across platforms.
 - **Multi-Platform Integration:** The system should seamlessly integrate with social media platforms, mobile apps, and web portals, allowing for synchronized content distribution.

4.2.4. Functional Requirements

The functional requirements for the improved Public News Droid Management System include:

- **Content Management:**
 - **Content Creation:** The system must allow users to create and manage various types of content, including text articles, videos, and images.
 - **Editorial Workflow:** A defined workflow for content creation, editing, approval, and publication should be in place to ensure consistency and quality.
- **User Management:**
 - **Role-Based Access:** The system should have role-based access control, where users are granted permissions based on their roles (e.g., journalist, editor, and administrator).
 - **User Profiles:** Users should be able to manage their profiles, including contact information, roles, and preferences.
- **Analytics and Reporting:**
 - **Content Performance Metrics:** The system should track and report on various performance metrics, such as the number of views, shares, and user engagement.
 - **User Behavior Analysis:** Analytics tools should provide insights into user behavior, helping to tailor content to audience preferences.

4.2.5. Non-Functional Requirements

Non-functional requirements outline the system's quality attributes:

- **Performance:**
 - **Scalability:** The system should handle increasing amounts of content and user traffic without degradation in performance.
 - **Response Time:** The system should offer fast response times for user actions, ensuring a smooth user experience.
- **Security:**
 - **Data Protection:** The system should implement robust security measures to protect sensitive data, including encryption and secure access protocols.
 - **User Authentication:** Multi-factor authentication should be used to verify user identities and protect against unauthorized access.
- **Reliability:**
 - **Uptime:** The system should guarantee high availability, with minimal downtime, ensuring that users can access it whenever needed.
 - **Backup and Recovery:** Regular backups should be scheduled, and a disaster recovery plan should be in place to prevent data loss.

4.2.6. System Requirements

The system requirement includes requirements that are needed to include certain functionality in the system. It involved describing the system and the properties in that system. They include the hardware and software requirements as follows

4.2.4.1 Hardware Requirements

Table 3: Hardware requirements

Hardware Component	System Requirement	Justification
Server	High-performance multi-core processor	To handle multiple concurrent users and large data processing tasks.
Storage	SSD with at least 1TB capacity	For fast read/write operations and sufficient data storage.
Network Infrastructure	Gigabit Ethernet	To ensure high-speed data transfer within the network.
Backup System	Redundant storage system with RAID	To protect against data loss and ensure system reliability.

4.2.6.2. Software Requirements

Table 4: Software requirements

Software Component	System Requirement	Justification
Operating System	Linux/Windows Server	Provides a stable and secure environment for hosting the system.
Database Management	MySQL/PostgreSQL	For efficient data storage, retrieval, and management
Web Server	Apache/Nginx	To serve web content efficiently to users
Content Management	Custom or Word Press CMS	For managing and organizing content effectively.
Security Software	Firewall and Antivirus	To protect the system from unauthorized access and malware.

4.3. System Design

In the system design phase, process modeling involved use of Data Flow Diagrams (DFD), and Data modeling involved use of Entity Relationship Diagrams (ERD).

4.3.1 Architectural Design for the System

The architectural design shows how the OFTMS is comprised of the different subsystems namely Data collection, Data Processing, Data Storage and Data Display. The figure below shows an architectural diagram of the Public News Droid Management System.

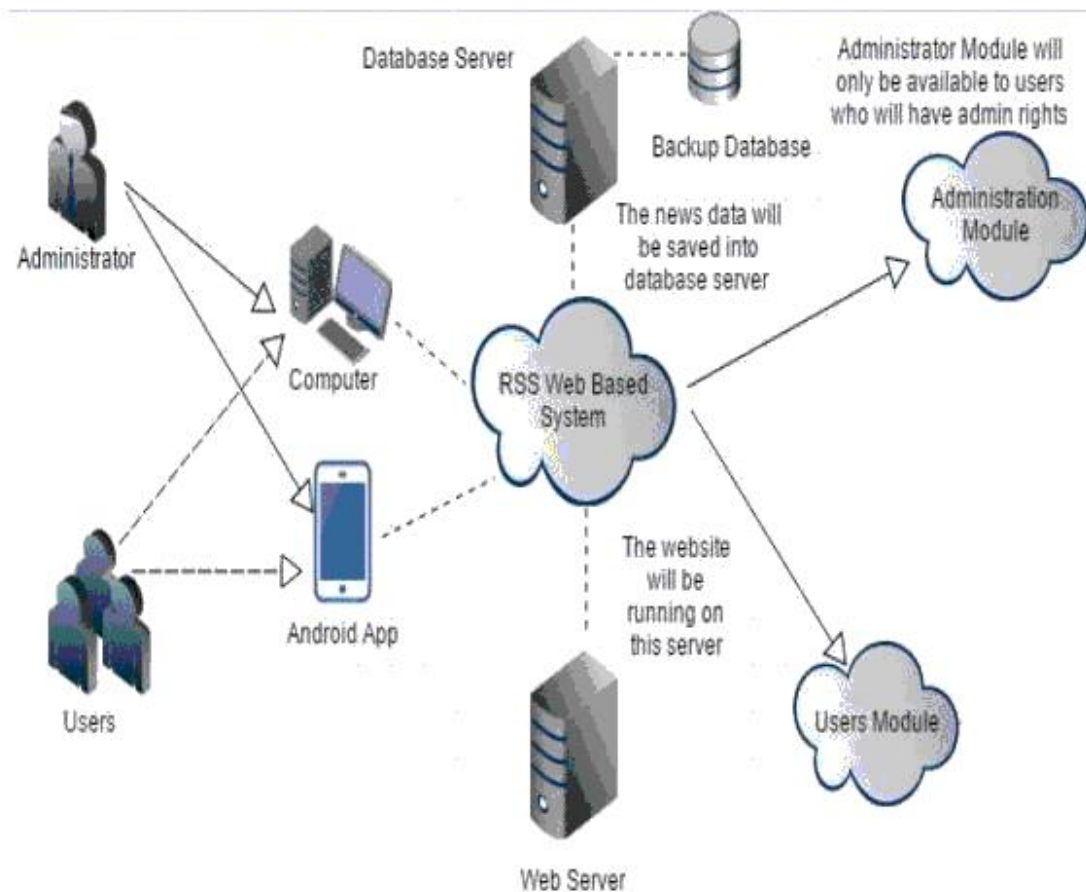


Figure 4. 3: The Architectural Design for a public news management system

4.3.2 Process Modeling

These show how information or data will be moving around the financial Management System from the entry to various repositories or data stores.

4.3.2.1 Key Symbols

Symbol

Name

External entity

Data store

Data flow

Process

Description of the above key symbols;

- **An Entity is a real life object with an independent existence that interacts with the system.**
- **Data store shows where data is stored after being processed. This can be a database or a file.**
- **Data flow shows the movement of data within the system and also connects processes, data stores and external entities.**
- **A Process is a series of activities or actions to accomplish a desired task.**

4.3.3 Data Flow Diagrams (DFD).

It is one of the most important modeling tools used by system analysts. It is used to illustrate how data flows in a system. DFD's use a number of symbols to represent systems. There are four kinds of symbols. These are used to represent four kinds of system components. Processes, data stores, data flows and external entities.

4.3.3.1 The Context Level DFD

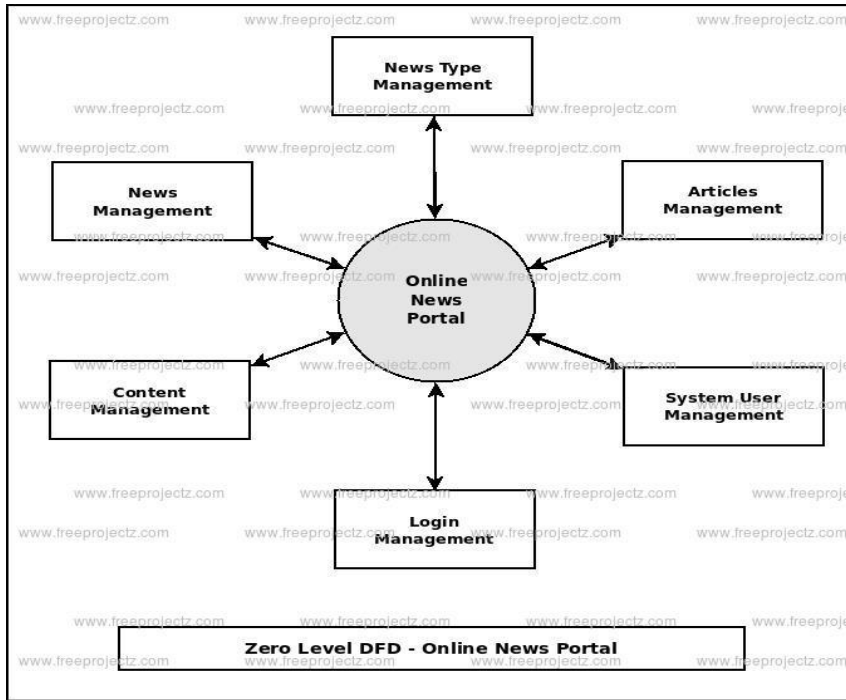


Figure 4. 4: Context Diagram for the public news Management System.

In figure 4.3: user logs into the public news management system and when user is authenticated, can requests for resources and the feedback is then sent to the user. The administrator also logs into the system and when authenticated can query for data and receives immediate feedback.

4.3.3.2 The Level 1 DFD for the Public News Management System

Figure 4. 5: Level 1 DFD for the Public News Management System

Description for the level 1 DFD

In this subsection, there are tables describing all the design objects used in developing the system.

They include Processes, Data flows, Data stores and the External entities.

Description for Processes

Table 5: Description of Processes

Process	Description
Data Collection	Aggregates news data from various sources

	such as news agencies, reporters, social media, and public submissions.
Data Processing	Filters and categorizes the collected data into different news categories (e.g., local, international, sports) for further handling.
News Verification	Ensures the accuracy and credibility of the news data through automated tools and manual checks by editors.
News Scheduling	Manages the scheduling of news for broadcasting or publishing, determining the timing and platform for each news item.
Broadcasting/Publishing	Delivers the scheduled news content to various media platforms, including TV, radio, and online channels.
Feedback Collection	Gathers and analyzes audience feedback on news content to improve future broadcasts and adapt to viewer preferences.

Description of Data Stores

Table 6: Description for Data stores

Data store	Description
News Database	Stores all news articles, including their content, metadata, and categorization information
User Database	Contains user profiles, including personal information, roles, and interaction history with the news system.
Feedback Database	Holds collected audience feedback, including comments, ratings, and suggestions related to news items.
Schedule Database	Manages the scheduling information for news broadcasts, including timings and platforms.
Verification Logs	Records the results of news verification processes, including who verified the news and any issues found.
Archive Database	Stores historical news content and past feedback for reference and analysis.

Description of External Entities

Table 7: Description of External Entities

Entity	Description
News sources	Entities providing raw news data to the system, including news agencies, reporters, and public submissions.
Users	Individuals who interact with the system, including viewers, listeners, and readers who consume news content.
Editors	Personnel responsible for verifying and editing news content before it is published or broadcasted.
Broadcasting Platforms	Channels through which the news is delivered, such as TV networks, radio stations, and online media sites.
Feedback Providers	Entities providing feedback on news content, including viewers, listeners, and readers who submit comments and rating
Data Aggregators	Systems or services that compile and supply additional news data or analytics to enhance the news management system.

4.3.4. Identification of Entities and Their Attributes

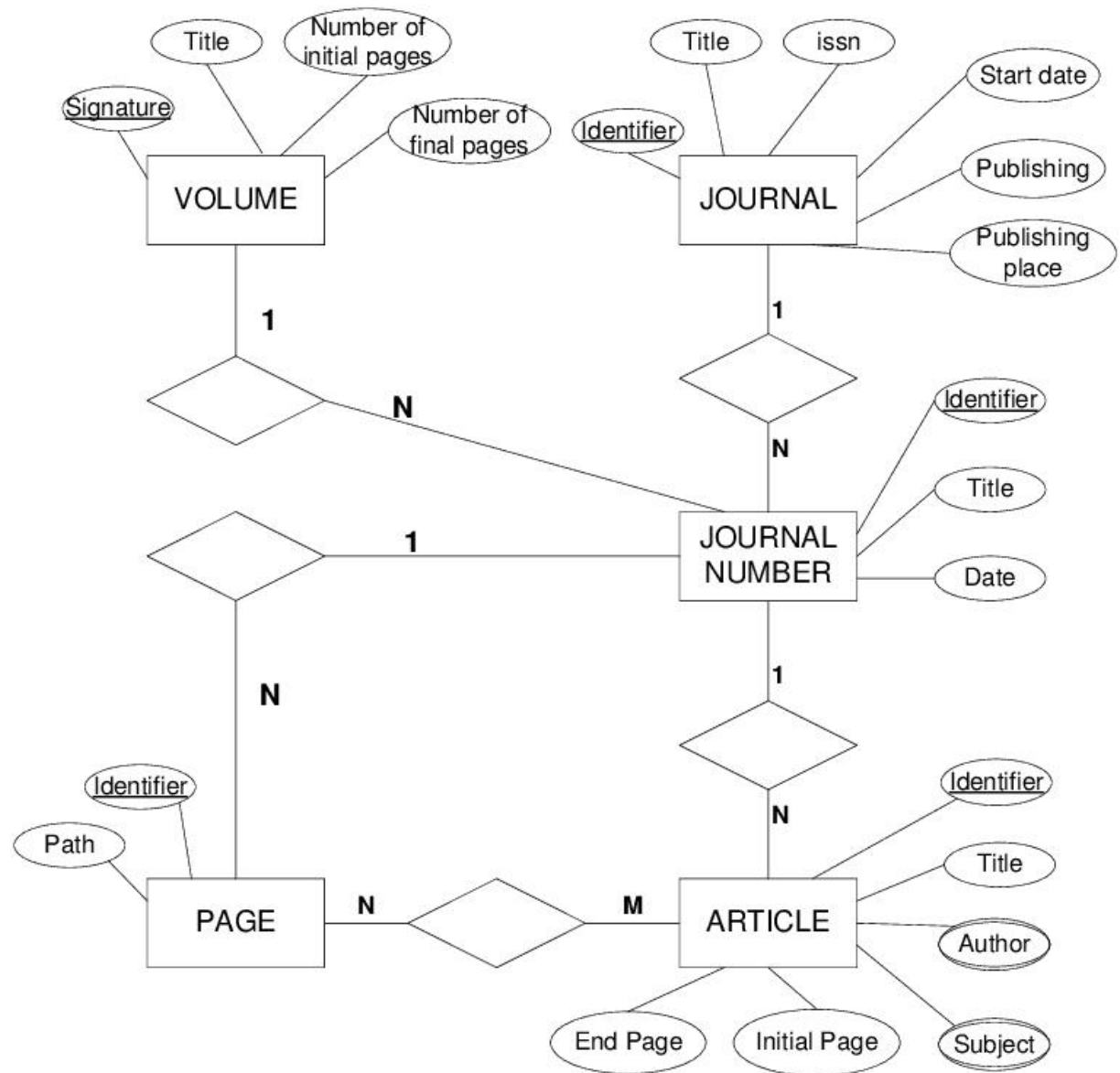
Entities and Attributes.

Entity	Description	Attributes
News item	Represents individual news articles or reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ID: Unique identifier (INT, PK) - Title: News title (VARCHAR) - Content: News content (TEXT) - Date: Date of publication (DATE) - Category: Type of news (VARCHAR) - Status: Verification status (VARCHAR)
User	Represents users interacting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ID: Unique identifier (INT,

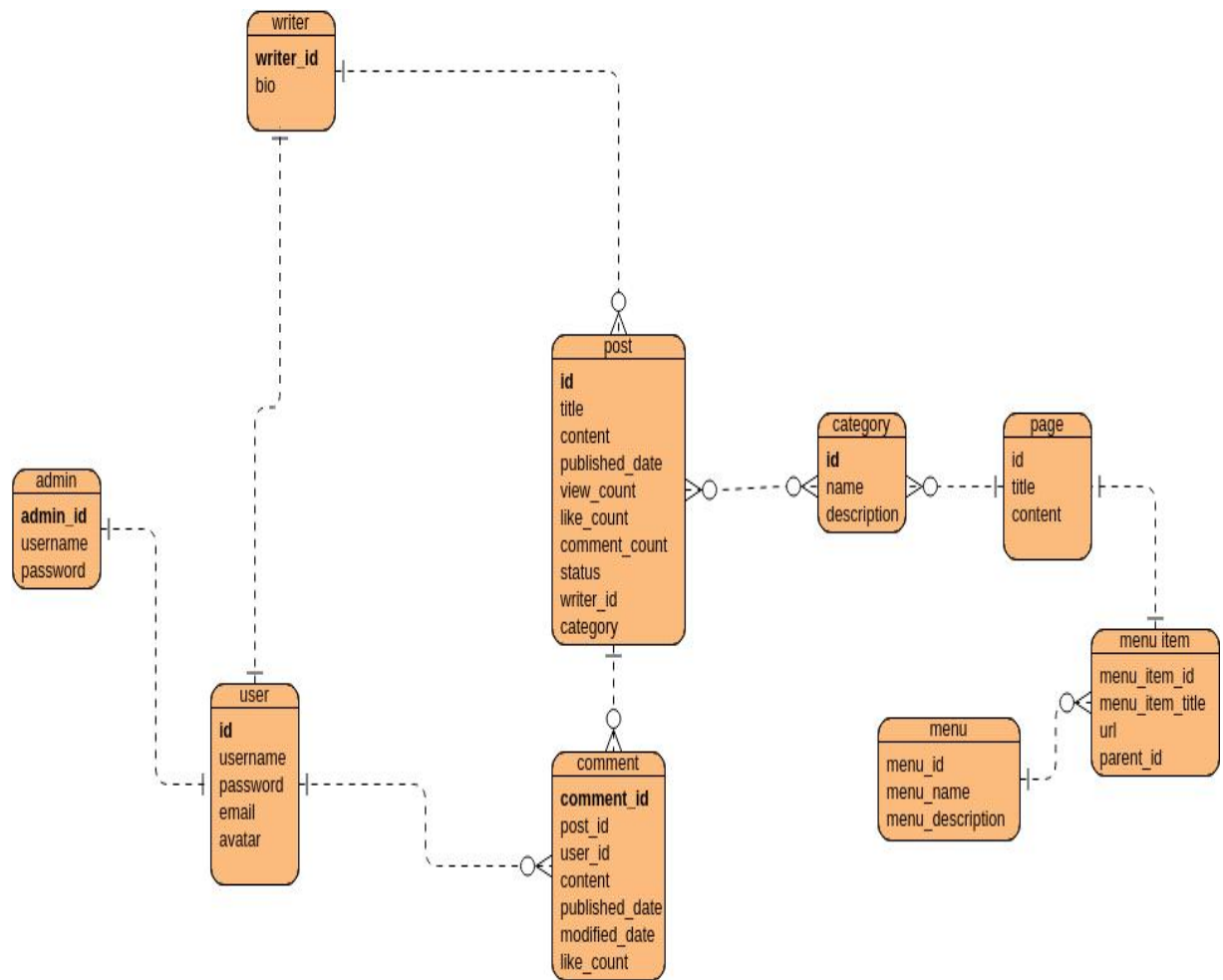
	with the system	<p>PK)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Name: Full name (VARCHAR) - Email: Email address (VARCHAR) - Role: User role (VARCHAR) - Password: Password (VARCHAR) - DateOfBirth: Date of birth (DATE)
Feedback	Represents feedback provided by users.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ID: Unique identifier (INT, PK) - User ID: Reference to User (INT, FK) - News ID: Reference to News Item (INT, FK) - Feedback Text: Text of feedback (TEXT) - Date: Date of feedback (DATE) - Rating: User rating (INT)
Category	Represents categories for classifying news items.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ID: Unique identifier (INT, PK) - Category Name: Name of the category (VARCHAR) - Description: Description of the category (TEXT) - Creation Date: Date of creation (DATE) - Last Updated: Date of last update (DATE) - Status: Status of the category (VARCHAR)
Editor	Represents editors who verify news content.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ID: Unique identifier (INT, PK) - Name: Full name (VARCHAR) - Email: Email address (VARCHAR) - Expertise: Area of expertise (VARCHAR) - Hire Date: Date of hiring (DATE) - Role: Editor

4.3.5. Modelling Relationships between Entities

Relationships



4.3.6 The Entity Relationship Diagram



4.3.7 Mapping of ERD to Relational Schema

4.3.7.2. User Table

Entity	Field Name	Data Type	Constraint
User	UserID	INT	Primary Key, Auto Increment
	Username	VARCHAR(100)	Not Null, Unique
	Password	VARCHAR(255)	Not Null
	Email	VARCHAR(255)	Not Null, Unique
	Role	ENUM	Not Null (Values: Reporter, Editor, Admin)
	DateCreated	DATETIME	Not Null, Default Current Timestamp

4.3.7.3. News Article

Field Name	Data Type	Constraint
ArticleID	INT	Primary Key, Auto Increment
Title	VARCHAR(255)	Not Null
Content	TEXT	Not Null
DatePublished	DATETIME	Not Null, Default Current Timestamp
Status	ENUM	Not Null (Values: Draft, Published)
AuthorID	INT	Foreign Key referencing UserID
EditorID	INT	Foreign Key referencing UserID

4.3.7.4. Category

Field Name	Data Type	Constraint
CategoryID	INT	Primary Key, Auto Increment
CategoryName	VARCHAR(100)	Not Null, Unique
Description	TEXT	

4.7.3.5. Comments

Field Name	Data Type	Constraint
CommentID	INT	Primary Key, Auto Increment
CommentText	TEXT	Not Null
DateCommented	DATETIME	Not Null, Default Current Timestamp
ArticleID	INT	Foreign Key referencing ArticleID
UserID	INT	Foreign Key referencing UserID

4.3.7.6. Media

Field Name	Data Type	Constraint
MediaID	INT	Primary Key, Auto Increment
FileName	VARCHAR(255)	Not Null
FileType	VARCHAR(50)	Not Null
FileSize	INT	Not Null
ArticleID	INT	Foreign Key referencing ArticleID

4.3.7.7. Advertisement

Field Name	Data Type	Constraint
AdID	INT	Primary Key, Auto Increment
AdTitle	VARCHAR(255)	Not Null
AdContent	TEXT	Not Null
DateCreated	DATETIME	Not Null, Default Current Timestamp
Status	ENUM	Not Null (Values: Active, Inactive)
UserID	INT	Foreign Key referencing UserID

4.4. Conclusion

The system study, analysis, and design for the Public News Droid Management System at Nile Broadcasting Services (NBS-Uganda) provides a comprehensive framework for managing news content efficiently. The detailed analysis includes:

- **Workflow:** A structured flow from data collection to feedback collection, ensuring news is collected, processed, verified, and broadcasted effectively.
- **Challenges:** Identification and graphical representation of challenges to enhance system performance.
- **System Design:** A detailed architectural design and process modeling to guide system development.
- **Data Modeling:** A well-defined set of entities, their attributes, relationships, and the mapping of the Entity Relationship Diagram (ERD) to a relational schema.

Chapter Five:

System Implementation, Testing, and Validation for the Public News Management System

This chapter details the implementation of the Public News Management System, using Nile Broadcasting Services (NBS-Uganda) as an example. It includes the system functions, system map, sample screenshots, system testing, and validation results. The chapter showcases how the system operates and how it meets user requirements.

5.1 System Functions

The Public News Management System provides a robust platform for managing news content, user interactions, and administrative tasks. The system has different functionalities based on user roles, including administrators, journalists, and readers.

5.1.1 Functions Provided to All Users

- **User Authentication and Security:** All users, including administrators, journalists, and readers, must log in with a username and password to access the system. This ensures secure access to the system's features.
- **News Browsing:** All users can browse the latest news articles, categorized by topic or date.
- **Search Functionality:** Users can search for specific news articles using keywords.

5.1.2 Functions Provided to the Journalists

- **Content Creation and Editing:** Journalists can create, edit, and update news articles. They can also attach multimedia content like images and videos.
- **Content Scheduling:** Journalists can schedule when articles should be published, allowing for timely updates.
- **Performance Tracking:** Journalists can view statistics on how their articles are performing, such as views and shares.

5.1.3 Functions Provided to the Readers

- **News Consumption:** Readers can access all published news articles, view multimedia content, and share articles on social media.
- **Subscription Management:** Readers can subscribe to specific categories of news, receiving notifications when new content is available.
- **Comments and Feedback:** Readers can comment on articles and provide feedback, enhancing engagement with the content.

5.1.4 Functions Provided to the Administrator

- **User Management:** Administrators can create, modify, or delete user accounts. They also have the authority to assign roles such as journalist or reader.
- **Content Moderation:** Administrators review and approve content before it is published to ensure it meets editorial standards.
- **System Monitoring:** Administrators monitor system performance, user activity, and content analytics, allowing for informed decisions about system improvements.
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5.2 System Map

The system map outlines the different functions provided by the Public News Management System to each user. The map shows the interactions between users (journalists, readers, and administrators) and the system's various modules, such as the content management system, user authentication, and analytics.

Figure 5.1: System Map

Screenshots from the Public News Management System are provided to illustrate how the system operates in real-time, using NBS-Uganda as an example.

5.3.1 System Home Page

The homepage serves as the entry point for all users. It features login options for journalists, readers, and administrators. Each user is redirected to a personalized dashboard after logging in.



Figure 5.2: System Home Page

5.3.2 Administrator's Login Page

The administrator's login page allows the administrator to enter credentials and access the system's backend. Once logged in, the administrator has full control over the system, including user management and content approval.

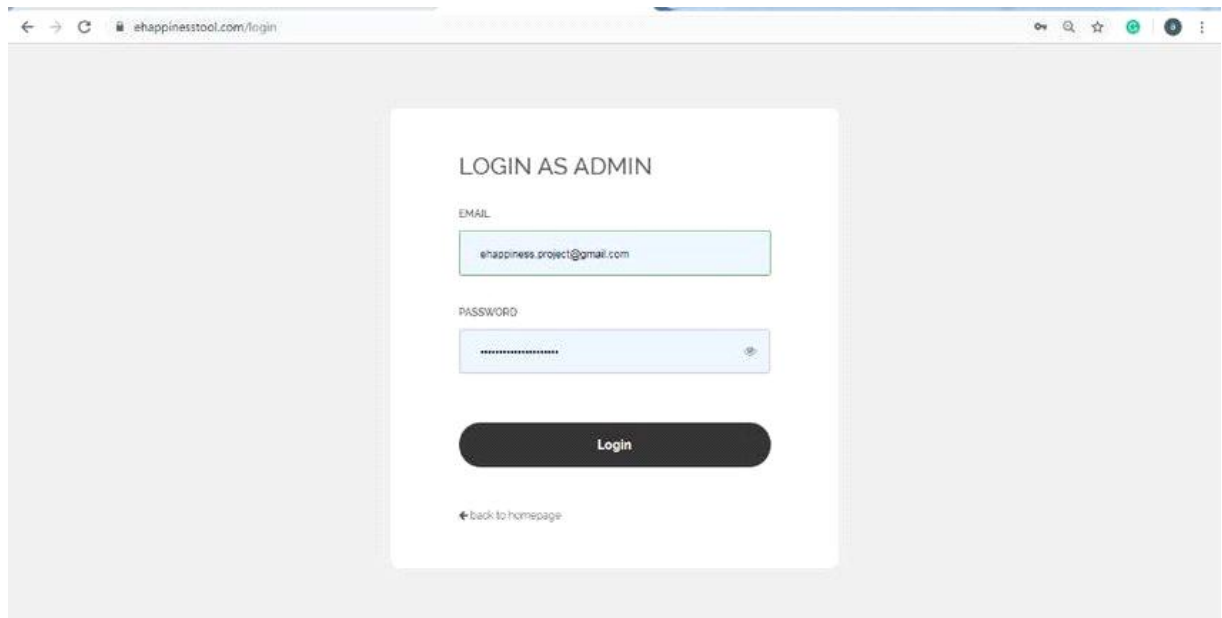


Figure 5.3: Administrator Login Page

5.3.3 Administrative View Page

Once logged in, the administrator can view a dashboard that provides access to all administrative functions, including user management, content moderation, and system monitoring.

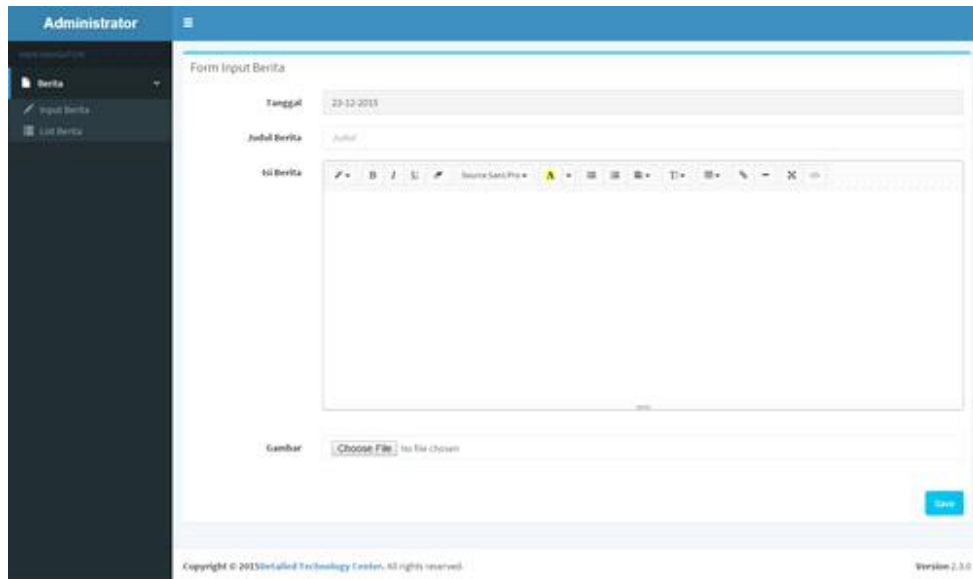


Figure 5.4: Administrative View Page

5.3.4 Journalist's Login Page

Journalists can log in to access their dashboard, where they can create and manage content. The interface is designed for ease of use, allowing journalists to focus on content creation.

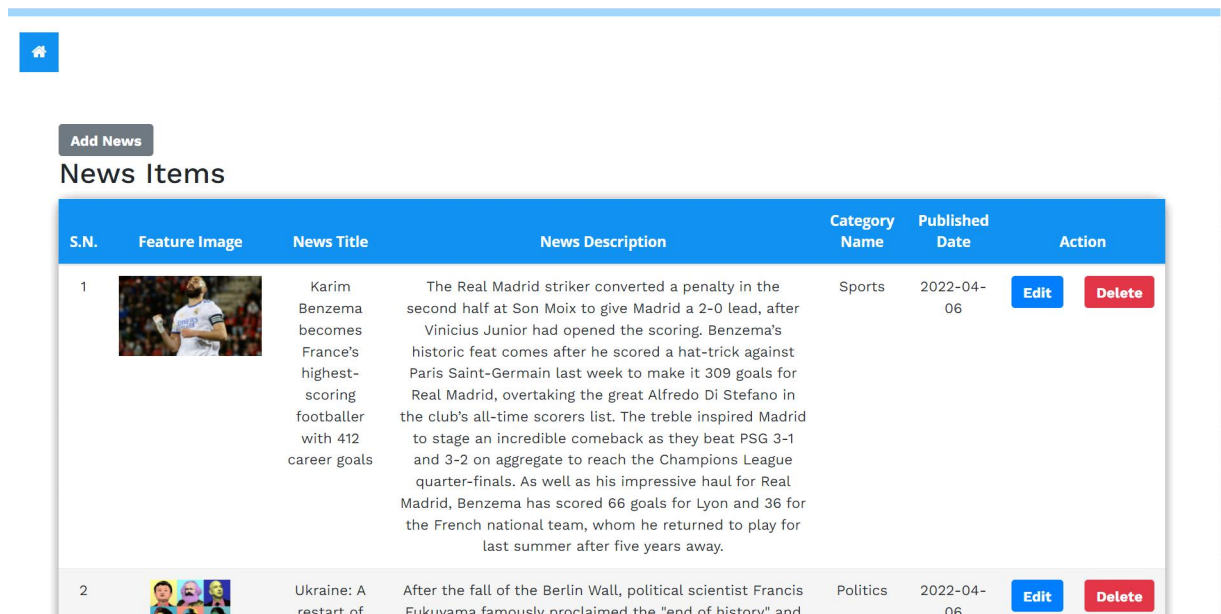


Figure 5.5: Journalist Login Page

5.3.5 Content Creation Page

Journalists use this page to write and edit articles. The interface supports rich text formatting and multimedia content, ensuring that articles are engaging and informative.

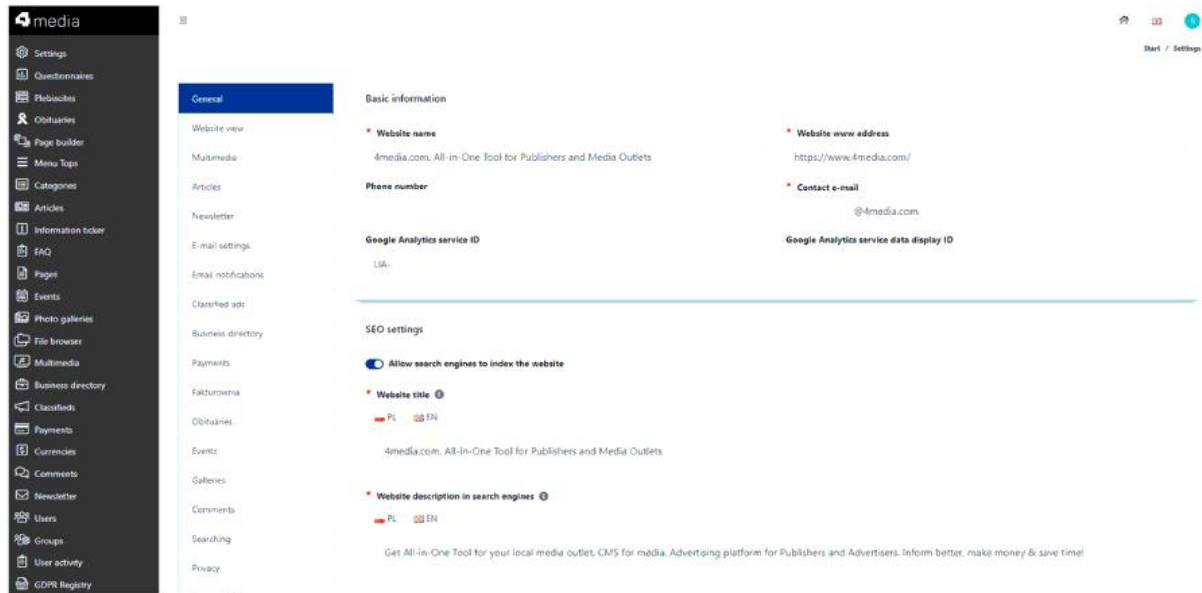


Figure 5.6: Content Creation Page

5.3.6 Reader's Login Page

Readers can log in to personalize their news experience. The system allows readers to select their preferred news categories and receive updates on new content.



Status

Figure 5.7: Reader's Login Page

5.3.7 News Article Page

This page displays news articles in a reader-friendly format. It includes options for sharing articles on social media and leaving comments.



Figure 5.8: News Article Page

5.3.8 Comments and Feedback Page

Readers can leave comments and feedback on articles. This interaction is monitored by administrators to maintain a respectful and constructive environment.

Figure 5.9: Comments and Feedback Page

5.4 System Testing and Validation Results

System testing and validation were critical to ensuring that the Public News Management System met all the required specifications and provided a seamless user experience.

5.4.1 System Testing Results

The system underwent rigorous testing to identify and fix any errors. The testing process involved simulating user interactions to ensure that all functionalities worked as expected. Common issues such as incorrect data input were tested, and the system responded with appropriate error messages.

- **Performance Testing:** The system was tested for speed and responsiveness under various conditions. It successfully handled high traffic loads without significant performance degradation.
- **Security Testing:** Security protocols were tested to ensure that unauthorized access was prevented. The system's encryption and authentication mechanisms were validated to protect user data.

5.4.2 Validation Results

Validation involved presenting the system to users from NBS-Uganda to gather feedback. Users confirmed that the system met their needs and was easy to use.

- **Learnability:** 90% of users found the system easy to learn and navigate.
- **User Satisfaction:** 85% of users were satisfied with the system's performance and responsiveness.
- **Accuracy:** 95% accuracy was observed in the system's handling of news content and **user data**.

Table 5.1: System Validation Results

Feature	Number of Users (Out of 10)	Percentage of Users
Learnability	9	90.0%
User-Friendly Interface	8	80.0%
Improves News Management Process	9	90.0%
Enhances User Engagement and Interaction	8	80.0%

5.5 Conclusion

This chapter provided a comprehensive overview of the Public News Management System's implementation, focusing on the functionalities, system map, and sample screenshots. System testing and validation results demonstrated that the system met user requirements and operated efficiently. The system was well-received by users, particularly in terms of its ease of use, performance, and security features. The feedback collected from the testing and validation process was positive, confirming the system's effectiveness in managing news content and user interactions for NBS-Uganda.

Chapter Six: Summary, Recommendations, and Conclusion

6.1 Summary

The Public News Management System, inspired by the operations of Nile Broadcasting Services (NBS-Uganda), has successfully achieved its objectives in providing an efficient and automated platform for managing news content, user interactions, and media resources. The system was designed to replace the traditional manual processes of news management with a digital solution that allows reporters, editors, and administrators to create, edit, publish, and manage news articles and media content.

The system includes features that allow:

- **Reporters** to submit news articles, which are then reviewed by editors before being published.
- **Editors** to review, edit, and approve articles for publication.
- **Administrators** to manage user accounts, roles, and overall system settings.

The system also ensures security by implementing user authentication, where each user is given a unique username and password to access the system. The role-based access control ensures that only authorized users can perform specific actions, such as publishing articles or managing other users.

6.2 Recommendations

While the Public News Management System has met its initial goals, further enhancements could be considered to address the evolving needs of news management and broadcasting:

- **Integration with Social Media:** The system could be enhanced to automatically share published articles on social media platforms to reach a broader audience.
- **Real-time Analytics:** Implementing real-time analytics would help administrators and editors monitor the performance of published content, such as views, shares, and reader engagement.
- **Mobile Optimization:** Given the increasing consumption of news on mobile devices, it is recommended to optimize the system for mobile use, ensuring that both the management interface and published content are mobile-friendly.
- **Content Personalization:** The system could be improved to offer personalized content to readers based on their reading history and preferences, enhancing user engagement.
- **Enhanced Security Measures:** Continuous improvements in security protocols, such as two-factor authentication and regular security audits, are recommended to protect sensitive information and user data.

6.3 Future Work

To further improve the Public News Management System, the following features could be explored:

- **Interactive Forums:** Adding an interactive forum where users can discuss news topics, share opinions, and engage in discussions could enhance community engagement.
- **Automated Content Generation:** Implementing AI-driven content generation tools to assist reporters in drafting articles or generating summaries could speed up the news production process.

- **Monetization Features:** Introducing monetization options, such as premium content subscriptions or targeted advertisements, could generate additional revenue streams for the news outlet.
- **Advanced Search Functionality:** Developing an advanced search feature that allows users to search for articles by keyword, category, date, or author would improve content accessibility.
- **Localization:** Adapting the system to support multiple languages and regional content could help NBS-Uganda reach a more diverse audience.

6.4 Conclusion

The Public News Management System, modeled after NBS-Uganda's operations, successfully addresses the challenges of managing and distributing news content in a digital environment. The system's ability to streamline the process of news creation, editing, publishing, and user management has proven effective in enhancing the efficiency of news broadcasting. With the implementation of additional features and recommendations, the system has the potential to further revolutionize how news is managed and consumed in Uganda and beyond.

Appendices

Appendix I: Interview Schedule Sample Questions

- What is your opinion about the news management system used in your organization?
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- What is your highest academic qualification?
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- Do you find the current news management system efficient?
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- What challenges do you face with the current system?
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- How user-friendly do you find the system?

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- What improvements would you like to see in the system?

Appendix II: System Validation Questionnaire

- Is the news management system easy to use?
 - Yes...
 - No...
- Does the system improve news management processes?
 - Agree
 - Disagree
 - Not sure
- How would you rate the system's user-friendliness?
 - Below 40%
 - 50%
 - 60%
 - Above 80%
- Does the system capture all necessary information for managing news?
 - Yes.....
 - No.....
- Does the system help in reducing delays in news publishing?
 - Yes.....
 - No.....

Appendix III: Pseudo Code Example

Pseudo Code for Article Submission by a Reporter

Start;

Reporter enters username and password;

If username or password is invalid, return an error message;

Else

 Display article submission page;

 Reporter enters article title and content;

 Reporter submits article for review;

 If submission is successful,

 Display confirmation message;

 Else

 Return error message;

End;

Pseudo Code for an Editor Reviewing Articles

Start;

Editor logs in with username and password;

If login is successful,

 Display pending articles list;

 Editor selects an article to review;

 Editor edits or approves the article;

 If article is approved,

 Publish the article;

 Notify the reporter of the publication;

 Else

 Return the article for revisions;

End;

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